

1956 annual report

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Last year's report received commendation in the Commonwealth competition for photography, layout, organization of copy, and front cover.

Once more, the committee has tried to keep this report brief, factual, and readable. To this end, departmental reports have been summarized; complete details are available to any citizen at any of the offices.

Layout and design contributed by Wadsworth C. Hine. Cover and frontispiece photographs contributed by Charles DuBois Hodges.

This report is dedicated to Agawam's greatest asset and hope in the future — OUR YOUTH. Paintings and drawings used were produced in art classes of our Elementary Schools.

Grateful acknowledgement is made to those other citizens and town officers whose cooperation and assistance were needed.

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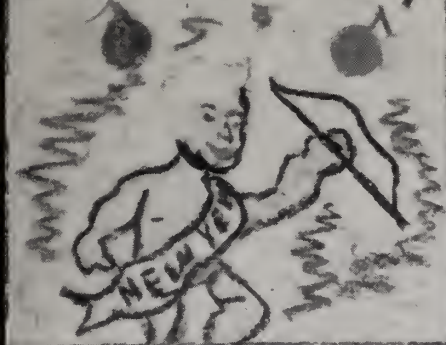
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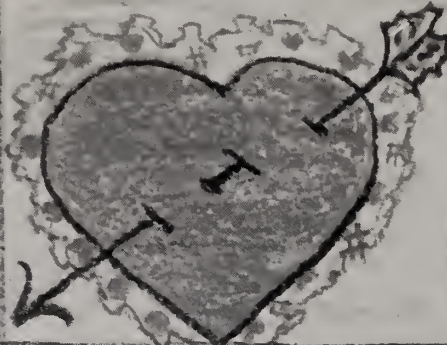
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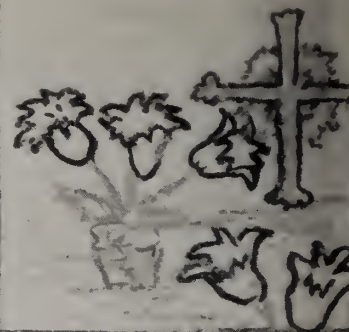
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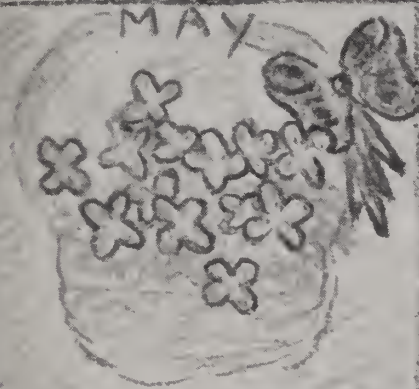
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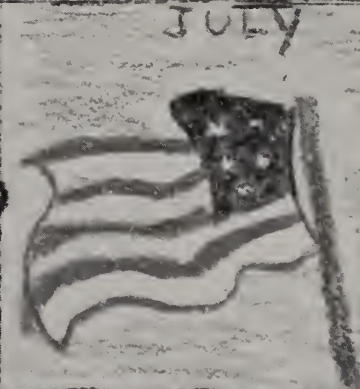
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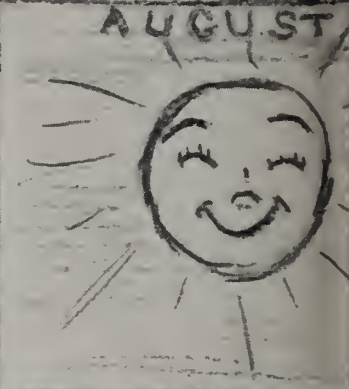
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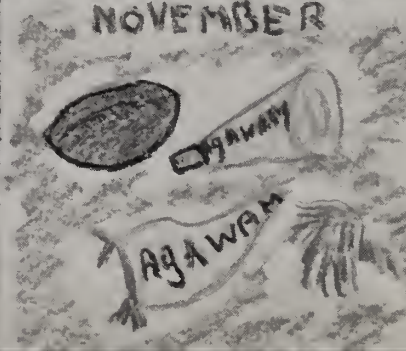
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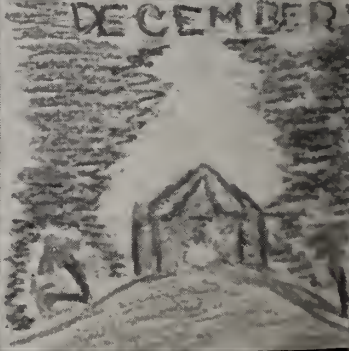
OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9:00 A. M. to
5:00 P. M. Thursday Evenings, 7:00 P. M. to 9:00
P. M.

BOARD MEETINGS: Selectmen, Monday Evenings,
7:30 P. M. Planning Board, First Thursday of
month.

TELEPHONES: Town Hall, all departments in build-
ing RE 7-2616
Police Department RE 7-4767
Fire Department RE 6-2131
School Department RE 4-8045

Agawam Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855 — Population 1955 Census
13,177

United States Senators — Leverett Saltonstall of New-
ton; John F. Kennedy of Boston

Representative in Congress — Second Congressional
District — Edward P. Boland of Springfield

Councillor — Eighth District — Bruce Crane of Dalton

State Senator — Hampden, Hampshire and Berkshire
District — Ralph Lerche of Northampton

Representatives in General Court — Eleventh Hampden
District — George W. Porter of Agawam; William
A. Cowing of West Springfield

Annual Town Election — Third Monday in February

Annual Town Meeting — First Saturday in March at
10:00 A. M.

Highlights of 1956

New Buxton Plant
Westfield River Bridge and Meadow Highway
Expansion at Shopping Center
Start of South Street School
Federal Aid for Sewer Interceptors
Fire Dept. New Alarm System with Training Program and
Transfer Volunteers to Call Men
New Town Ambulance

As We Look Ahead

Public Works Superintendent
Revised Building Code
Expansion—Recreational Facilities
Future School Growth
Meadow Street By-Pass, etc.
Sewer Interceptor Tie-In
Revised Town Zoning and Master Plan
Extension Public Conveniences



Elected Town Officers

Moderator: Efrem A. Gordon

Selectmen and Board of Health: Walter T. Kerr, Andrew C. Gallano, Irving R. LaFleur

Town Clerk and Treasurer: Brandon N. Letellier

Town Collector: Margaret E. Ferranti

School Committee: Arthur J. Foley, 1957; Katherine G. Danahy, 1957; Elizabeth B. Pond, 1958; Lawrence E. Menard, 1958; Paul J. Adams, 1959; Paul G. Query, 1959

Board of Assessors: Francis P. Cleary, 1957; William M. Bardwell, 1958; George L. Reynolds, 1959

Library Trustees: Odette Z. Benjamin, 1957; Clara J. McVeigh, 1958, Eva S. Kerr, 1959

Board of Public Welfare: Leonard P. Rising, 1957; Jerrie Cavanaugh, 1958; Andrew Chriscola, 1959

Cemetery Commissioners: Daniel DiDonato, 1957, Richard J. Stapleton, 1958; G. Arthur Armstrong, 1959

Trustees of the Whiting Street Fund: John Daly, 1957 (Deceased); Geo. A. Toussaint, 1958

Tree Warden: Elmer Cascio, 1957

Planning Board: William S. Mabb, 1957; Clifford D. Pond, 1958; Raymond E. Charest, 1959; John B. Cirillo, 1960; Walter J. LaFrancis, 1961

Parks, Playground and Recreation Commission: Samuel F. Provo, 1957; Vito N. DePalo, 1958; Francis J. Napolitan, 1959

Agawam Housing Authority: Francis J. Gensheimer, State Appointee; Jules K. DeForge, 1958; Ted E. Dynia, 1959; Thomas Patrick Meredith, 1960! Arthur W. LaFleur, 1961

Appointed Town Officers

Town Accountant: Frances M. Pedulla

Chief of Police and Dog Officer: Roland C. Reed

Chief of Fire Department: John W. Parent

Superintendent of Streets and Engineering: Paul W. Schubach

Welfare Agent: Walter S. Kerr

Veterans' Agent — Burial Agent: Leslie C. Miller

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Measurer of Wood
Public Weigher: Frank E. Draghetti (deceased)
Louis Draghetti, Acting

Surveyor of Lumber: Charles W. Hull

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: Dominick J. Ricco

Board of Health Agent: Francis J. Murphy, Jr.

Inspector of Meats: Herbert G. Taylor

Inspector of Slaughtering: Herbert G. Taylor, Artem Honchar

Animal Inspector: Richard T. Wilson

Fence Viewers: William H. Lester, James W. Cesan

Building Inspector: James J. Gloster

Plumbing Inspector: Edward J. Desmarais

Wiring Inspector: O. William Anderson

Town Counsel: William T. Walsh

Town Prosecutor: Efrem A. Gordon

Board of Appeals: Harold C. Atwater, Julio A. Alvingini, James H. Kerr, Paul J. Adams, Alt., Edward W. Thomas, Alt.

Finance Committee: Arthur W. Johnson, Hollis F. Kane, Phillips V. Heinbdt, Francis M. Webler, Beatrice M. Barker, Benjamin S. Bassani

Registrars of Voters: Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr., Richard J. Reiker, James P. Kane, Brandon N. Letellier

Director of Civil Defense: Arthur Zavarella

Personnel Board: Richard Vincennes, Ted E. Dynia, Jean Goss

Personnel Director: Joseph Della Giustina

Industrial and Development Commission: James N. Reynolds, Jr., Joseph J. Borgatti, Anthony W. Nacewicz, Kenneth A. Hollister, Frank E. Dunn, Raymond E. Harris, Joseph P. McMahon, Jr., Walter J. LaFrancis, Henry W. Lawson, Norman F. Jasmin, Valentine R. Moreno, Charles Ferrero, Henry E. Patnaude, J. Joseph Sullivan

Board of Selectmen

The Town of Agawam during 1956 has again continued its increasing growth. We have seen many business establishments move into Town and new ones started.

The Business Development Commission has been active in 1956, and their efforts, we are confident, will show results in future years.

The townspeople voted in the 1956 town election to establish a Public Works Department consisting of Highway, Engineering, Water, and Sewer Departments, and the collection of rubbish and garbage. While this change will not be completed until after this report is issued, consolidation of the departments will result in more efficient operation.

Another change for the best is our new town meeting member form of government. This type of town meeting leads to better understanding of town problems.

A new type of street lighting recommended for main highways by the Western Massachusetts Electric Co. has been installed at Feeding Hills Center, O'Brien's corner, on part of Maple Street, and on Main Street in the Agawam Center section. This Board is anxious to

extend this program until our main highways are all properly lighted.

During the year 1956 this Board helped to form the Western Hampden District of Veterans Services. Agawam, Southwick and Granville make up the district, and each Town pays a share of the expenses. The cost to each Town is based on the tax valuation.

The Bowles Agawam Airport, also known as the Agawam Race Track, has been purchased by Miss Mary Gallagher, of Springfield, who held a lease on the property with the option to buy. This puts a large tract of industrial property back into taxation.

The new elementary school has been started on South Street and will be opened in September of this year. This once again reminds us of the ever increasing school problem we face with the rapidly increasing population.

A major problem, mentioned several times in the past, now demands action in the coming year. This is the start of construction of an interceptor sewer to remove sewage from the Westfield River now, and from the Connecticut River within the next five years. The State has informed this Board that court action will

be taken to have this project started this year if the necessary funds are not appropriated by the Town.

As the problems of the Town increased, in both number and size, this Board found it necessary in the past year to hold, in addition to the regular weekly meeting, two and sometimes three special meetings weekly. We want to thank all town employees and the people of Agawam for their cooperation and help in the past year.

We, the members of this Board, are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the people of Agawam. It has been a privilege and we look forward to serving you in the future .



Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

General Revenue

Taxes:

Current Year	\$1,197,345.67
Previous Years	72,040.63

\$1,269,386.30

In Lieu of Taxes	4,826.87
Tax Titles	1,049.64
Tax Possessions	176.81
	<u>1,226.45</u>

From State:

Income Tax	50,265.39
Corporation Tax—Business	42,931.26
Meal Tax	1,998.08
Aid—Teachers' Salaries	94,400.00
Braille Instruction	555.36
High School Transportation	83,215.43
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes ..	8,431.21

281,796.73

Licenses and Permits:

Liquor	15,840.00
All Other	3,410.50

19,250.50

Fines and Forfeits:

District Court Fines	983.30
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Grants and Gifts:

From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance	35,967.92
Aid to Dependent Children	11,795.97
Disability Assistance	3,609.69

Smith Hughes and George

Barden School Funds	1,054.63
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52,428.21

From State:

School Building Assistance	68,053.44
Vocational Education	8,781.81

76,835.25

From County:

Dog Licenses	2,397.15
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Privileges—Motor Vehicle Excise:

Current Year	110,787.92
Previous Years	27,079.85

137,867.77

Special Assessments:

Sidewalk Assessments	1,230.74
Sewer Assessments	21,164.94

22,395.68

Assessments Paid in Advance

1,470.20

Departmental Revenue

General Government	3,651.96
Town Clerk — Dog Licenses	2,356.00

6,007.96

Protection of Persons and Prop.

Health and Sanitation:

Sewer Connections	8,750.00
All Other	2,291.00

11,041.00

Highways:

From State—Chapter 90	16,359.45
From County—Chapter 90	11,336.06

From Town—Road Machinery	193.80	
From Individ.—a/c Receivbls.	15.00	
		27,904.31
Charities:		
Welfare:		
From Cities and Towns	2,339.68	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	6,624.18	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	30,442.39	
From Cities and Towns	8,069.01	
Disability Assistance:		
From State	1,484.00	
		48,959.26
Veterans Benefits—From State ..		3,624.38
Schools:		
Tuition	7,081.90	
All Other	974.42	
		8,056.32
School Athletics		4,562.48
School Lunch		114,383.00
Libraries — Fines		147.82
Centennial		160.25
Unclassified:		
Rents	6,418.00	
Sale of Real Estate	2,729.46	
Withholding Taxes	127,431.63	
Contributory Retirement	20,308.26	
Blue Cross	11,293.70	
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,245.72	

Group Insurance	770.10	
Hurricane Damage Reimbursement	30.48	
Flood Damage Reimbursement	8,918.66	
Petty Cash Returned	440.00	
Ambulance Fund	6,650.00	
		187,236.01
Public Service Enterprises:		
Water Receipts:		
Rates	107,453.49	
Connections and Deposits ..	8,150.00	
Miscellaneous	2,727.77	
		118,331.26
Intcrest:		
On Deferred Taxes	2,138.05	
All Other	892.63	
		3,030.68
Loans:		
Temporary Loans	500,000.00	
New Elementary School	485,000.00	
Premium on School Loan	1,013.65	
		986,013.65
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
Library and Cemetery Fund		
Income	1,079.86	
Investment of School Bonds	2,316.00	
Old Age Recovery	5,180.37	
State Bottling Licenses	20.00	
		8,596.23

Refunds and Reimbursements:		
Departmental	2,635.34	
All Other	978.97	
		3,614.31
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Total Receipts	3,403.031.13	
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1956	714,002.91	
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,117,034.04	

PAYMENTS

General Government

Moderator	\$	\$	25.00
Selectmen:			
Salaries		6,489.00	
All Other		955.59	
			7,444.59
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Accounting:			
Salaries		5,471.40	
All Other		480.85	
			5,952.25
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Treasurer and Town Clerk:			
Salaries		11,745.11	
All Other		2,369.74	
			14,114.85
Printing School Bonds			1,013.65
Collector:			
Salaries		10,070.56	
All Other		2,938.95	
			13,009.51

Assessors:			
Salaries		12,037.82	
All Other		1,724.06	
			13,761.88
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Law:			
Salaries		2,500.00	
All Other		1,348.92	
			3,848.92
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Election and Registration:			
Salaries		4,585.92	
All Other		2,268.03	
			6,853.95
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Engineering:			
Salaries and Wages		13,967.45	
All Other		1,390.17	
			15,357.62
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Town Hall:			
Salaries		6,254.46	
Fuel, Light and Telephone		4,607.16	
All Other		2,020.51	
New Fence		569.00	
			13,451.13
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Other Town Buildings			663.40
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Protection of Persons and Property			
School Traffic Officers			5,221.43
Police:			
Salaries		83,769.08	
New Cruisers		3,434.17	
New Ambulance		9,501.65	

All Other	11,107.63	
		107,812.53
Fire:		
Salaries	57,094.91	
Hose Dryer	1,498.51	
All Other	6,089.13	
		64,682.55
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	1,600.00	
All Other	398.27	
		1,998.27
Building Inspector:		
Salary	4,887.00	
All Other	921.18	
		5,808.18
Building Code		89.59
Electrical Inspector:		
Salary	1,500.00	
All Other	297.70	
		1,797.70
Gypsy Moth		500.00
Forestry:		
Salary and Labor	4,322.55	
Equipment	1,500.00	
Spraying	1,300.00	
Tree Planting	1,999.00	
Dutch Elm Trees	1,000.00	
All Other	49.50	
		10,171.05

Forest Fires	441.28
Dog Officer	84.00

Health and Sanitation

Health:		
Salaries	5,905.00	
Hospitals	3,555.36	
Polio Clinic	1,643.40	
All Other	1,007.24	
		12,111.00

Nurses:		
Salaries	8,719.50	
All Other	1,340.18	
		10,059.68

Inspections:		
Animal and Slaughter	1,188.00	
Plumbing	2,772.81	
		3,960.81

Sewer Construction:		
South St. Sanitary Sewer	30,303.57	
Liberty St. Sanitary Sewer	285.62	
Mill St. Sanitary Sewer	350.39	
Homer St. Sanitary Sewer	268.34	
Rhodes Ave. Sanitary Sewer	9,927.26	
Ralph and Park St. Sanitary Sewer	82.24	
Senator Ave. Sanitary Sewer	13,189.90	
Spencer St. Sanitary Sewer	2,374.87	
Greenacre Lane Sanitary Sewer	7,590.53	

Samuel and Valentine Storm Drain	1,136.85	
Colonial Ave. Storm Drain	3,891.83	
Senator Ave. Storm Drain	10,594.25	
Letendre Ave. Storm Drain	10,355.00	
Brookline Ave. Storm Drain	8,556.16	
Meadow St. Storm Drain	5,049.22	
Homer St. Storm Drain	11,080.71	
	<hr/>	115,036.74
Drain Pipe		720.10
Sewer Maintenance:		
Labor	14,084.30	
All Other	11,372.24	
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Refuse and Garbage:		
Rubbish Collection	7,179.01	
Garbage Collection	13,163.53	
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Highways		
Chap. 90 Construction 1955	28,848.35	
Chap. 90 Construction 1956	8.91	
Chap. 90 Maintenance 1956	10,500.00	
Leonard St. Reconstruction	3,272.49	
Adams St. Reconstruction	3,698.86	
North St. Reconstruction	849.61	
Highway Maintenance:		
Salaries and Labor	19,744.97	
All Other	12,747.27	
	<hr/>	32,492.24
Road Machinery Account		9,706.06

New Equipment	7,379.65
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,818.43
Snow Removal	23,405.93
New Oiling	13,588.72
Maintenance Oiling	16,496.24
Repairs due to Water Dept. Work	1,952.55
Street Lights	34,604.61
Traffic Lights — O'Brien's Corner	9,776.76
Traffic Lights — Springfield-Walnut St.	2,666.00

Charities and Veterans' Benefits

Welfare:

Administration	1,897.44
Relief	18,337.98
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	20,235.42

Aid to Dependent Children:

Federal Grant—Administration	1,041.47
Federal Grant—Assistance	10,650.98
Town—Administration	1,200.00
Town—Assistance	13,000.00
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	25,892.45

Old Age Assistance:

Federal Grant—Administration	2,320.99
Federal Grant—Assistance	27,686.42
Town—Administration	2,800.00
Town—Assistance	55,012.90
Federal Grant—Assistance	27,686.42
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	87,820.31

Disability Assistance:		
Federal Grant—Administration	10.43	
Federal Grant—Assistance	587.55	
Town—Administration	600.00	
Town—Assistance	5,000.00	
		6,197.98
Veterans' Benefits:		
Administration	6,269.98	
Benefits	9,820.70	
		16,090.68

Schools and Libraries

Schools:		
General Expense	23,269.37	
Instruction	577,031.35	
Tuition	6,080.41	
Transportation	58,429.74	
Buildings, Maintenance, etc.	115,636.82	
Furniture and Furnishings	2,681.88	
Health	8,838.05	
All Other	20,803.79	
Out of State Travel	204.12	
		812,975.53
George Barden — Smith Hughes		
Funds	1,696.97	
School Lunch	114,791.05	
School Athletics	4,520.56	
New High School Construction	176,504.49	
New Elementary School Construc.	54,430.53	
Elementary School Committee	3,000.00	

Libraries:		
Salaries	975.00	
All Other	2,656.99	
		3,631.99
Davis Library Fund		
		988.52
Recreation and Unclassified		
Parks and Playgrounds:		
Salaries	4,788.30	
All Other	1,478.16	
		6,266.46

Unclassified:		
County Aid to Agriculture	200.00	
Memorial Day	379.84	
Town & Finance Reports, etc.	1,646.23	
Liability Insurance	6,672.71	
Surety Bonds	705.50	
Widows Annuity	600.00	
Dog Licenses to County	2,345.80	
Board of Appeals	399.00	
Planning Board	179.99	
Previous Years Bills	2,015.83	
Withholding Taxes	127,431.63	
Contributory Retirement	42,966.69	
Blue Cross	11,285.35	
Group Life Insurance	1,396.46	
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,175.00	
Damages to Persons & Property	1,919.05	
Insurance on Town Vehicles	2,626.94	
Petty Cash Advances	440.00	
Flood Damages	8.84	

Civil Defense	3,504.05	
Salary Survey	1,500.00	
Business Develop. Commission	58.85	
Safety Council of West. Mass.	197.00	
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	210,654.76	

Enterprises and Cemeteries

Water:		
Salaries and Labor	26,086.38	
All Other	27,756.27	
Construction	15,485.63	
Contract	39,256.62	
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	108,584.90	
Mill & Cooper St. Water Main	681.11	
Cemeteries	966.00	

Interest and Debt

Interest:		
Temporary Loans	2,785.40	
School Loans	52,996.25	
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	55,781.65	

Debt:		
Temporary Loans	500,000.00	
School Loans	145,000.00	
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	645,000.00	

Agency, Trust and Investment		
County Tax	26,939.55	
State Parks and Reservations	2,739.11	
Bottling Licenses for State	20.00	
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	29,698.66	

Refunds		
Taxes	7,124.09	
All Other	1,994.15	
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	9,118.24	

Total Payments	3,078,384.41
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1956	1,038,649.63
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GRAND TOTAL	\$4,117,034.04
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BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

Assets

Cash — Revenue	\$ 559,307.75	
Cash — Non-Revenue	479,341.88	
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1956		
Poll	350.00	
Personal	3,854.20	
Real Estate	72,355.56	
		76,559.76
Levy of 1955		
Poll	60.00	
Personal	1,055.70	
Real Estate	680.50	
		1,796.20
Levy of 1954		
Personal		886.12
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1956	18,564.90	
Levy of 1955	2,967.27	
Levy of 1954	1,103.16	
		22,635.33
Special Assessments:		
Unapportioned Sidewalk	86.00	
Unapportioned Sewer	7,236.79	
Apportioned Sewer Added to		

1956 Tax	371.42	
Committed Interest on 1956	130.58	
		7,824.79
Tax Titles	7,851.75	
Tax Possessions	96,426.52	
		104,278.27
Departmental:		
Sewers	80.00	
Highways	13.05	
Welfare	5,900.64	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,605.61	
Old Age Assistance	196.70	
Veterans' Benefits	717.10	
Schools	495.00	
		10,008.10
Water Department:		
Rates	16,602.41	
Miscellaneous	1,028.59	
		17,631.00
Aid to Highways:		
State	21,408.94	
County	13,363.26	
		34,772.20
Underestimates to be Raised:		
County Tax	905.99	
State Parks and Reservations	1,137.24	
		2,043.23
		<u>\$1,317,084.63</u>

Liabilities and Reserves	
Payroll Deductions:	
Blue Cross	28.80
U. S. Savings Bonds	281.34
Group Life Insurance	3.19
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Dog Licenses	313.33
Tailings	15.60
Tax Sales Excess	188.43
Trust Fund Income:	17.90
Phelon Library	41.13
Old Cemetery	77.23
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Gen- eral Care	21.78
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Per- petual Care	39.15
Maple Grove Cemetery	132.64
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Road Machinery	311.93
School Lunch Receipts	274.39
School Athletic Receipts	5,231.52
Water Guarantee Deposits	1,068.91
Old Age Recovery	40.00
Federal Grants:	5,208.17
Old Age Assistance	13,462.03
Old Age Administration	5,290.04
Aid to Dependent Children — Assistance	967.82
Aid to Dependent Children — Administration	3,655.56

Disability Assistance	3,588.06
Disability Administration	886.78
George Barden Funds	139.22

27,989.51

Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
Assessors — New Maps	11,000.00
Special Counsel — Enfield Dam	364.22
Police — Ambulance	498.35
Health—1954 Sanatorium Care	1,677.00
Drain Pipe—Drainage Purposes	536.24
South St. Sanitary Sewer	5,019.31
Interceptor Sewer	1,600.00
Senator Ave. Storm Sewer	2,705.75
Senator Ave. Sanitary Sewer ...	1,560.10
Homer St. Storm Sewer	2,419.29
Brookline Ave. Storm Sewer ...	1,443.84
North St. Reconstruction	16,550.39
Cooper St. Sidewalk	12,600.00
Adams St. Reconstruction	3,288.67
Chapter 90 Construction—1955	142.91
Chapter 90 Construction—1956	35,991.09
Land Purchases—Schools—	
Main & Reed Sts.	1,875.00
New Elementary School	114,846.60
High School Bldg. Committee	58.52
Land Taking High School—	
Liquori Parcel	1,500.00
Land Taking High School—	
Orig. Approp.	19,375.00
Elementary School Bldg. Com.	19.96

Town Clerk

Boundaries—West Springfield ..	300.00	
Land Taking—Elbert Rd. Drain	2.00	
Land Taking—Heirs Dennis Crowley	150.00	
Land Taking—Suffield & Main	900.00	
Land Taking—John S. Sarat	1,500.00	
Civil Defense—New Radios	44.47	
Civil Defense—Clerical	81.19	
Civil Defense—Out of State Travel	365.40	
Civil Defense—Ground Observ. Post	500.00	
Traffic Survey	850.00	
Rebuilding—Maple Grove Cem.	340.00	
Rebuilding—So. Westfield Cem.	200.00	
		240,305.30
Unexpended Non-Revenue Accounts:		
New High School	48,119.01	
New Elementary School	431,222.87	
		479,341.88
Overlay Reserve	30,578.62	
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1956	28,266.33	
Levy of 1955	1,796.20	
Levy of 1954	886.12	
		30,948.65
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	22,635.33	
Special Assessments	7,824.79	

“Keeping Busy?” has been the stock inquiry, and “Too Much So” has been the reply for your officer and staff this past year. With the continued and steady growth of our Town bringing in a normal growth in the quantity of work to be handled, 1956 being a Presidential Election year brought along its’ own wave of activity. Registration of voters for the Annual Town Election, the Presidential Primaries in April, the State Pri-

Tax Title	104,278.27	
Departmental	10,008.10	
Water	17,631.00	
Aid to Highways	34,772.20	
		197,149.69
Overestimates to be used as Available Funds:		
Tuberculosis Hospital Assess. ..	418.53	
State Audit	44.32	
		462.85
Surplus Revenue		297,637.95
		\$1,317,084.63

maries in September and the State Election in November stayed at a constant pace throughout each working day plus busy evening sessions in the various precincts with the Board of Registrars. A total of 804 new voters were added to the voting lists which with the normal drop-off left a total of 7,270 on the rolls for the November Election of which 6,873 went to the polls in person or voted by Absentee Ballot. A very respectable turnout of 94½%. Would that our Town Election approximate this figure where we are so much more directly affected by election results.

Our first year's experience with a limited town meeting form of government has proved in a sense to be one of accomplishment. It is the observation of this officer that town meeting members, who have been faithful attendants at all previous town meetings but were content to reserve judgment on the topics under discussion, have "come into their own." Armed with a copy of the warrant sent out by this office 9 days prior to each town meeting, they have taken it upon themselves to search out questions and answers on each and every article to come before them. This has served to stimulate the proponents of the various articles to come into town meeting with a more complete and detailed argument for its adoption. Two flaws remain to be corrected. While

the Town Meeting Attendance Record, as shown elsewhere in these pages, range from Excellent to Poor the overall attendance is Good. It could and should read Excellent. The townspeople have shown their good faith by electing the town meeting members who should show their interest by participating in each and every meeting. The second flaw is the attendance of the general public at the precinct meetings which precede each town meeting. Here is their best opportunity to express themselves as to how they feel concerning the business to be acted upon by their representatives. GOOD GOVERNMENT derives from an alert and interested electorate.

Statistically, this office was occupied with the following variety of recordings, indexes, issuances, etc.

Births	308
Marriages	145
Deaths	84
Dog Licenses	1013
Sporting Licenses	1831
Chattel mortgages, Business Certificates, Board of Appeals decisions, and miscellaneous record copies	703
Paid into Town Treasury on account of above	\$2,666.35

Town Treasurer

CASH RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1956	\$ 714,002.91
From Town Collector	1,614,357.64
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Corporation Tax—Business	\$ 42,931.26
Income Tax	50,265.39
Meal Tax	1,998.08
School Building Assistance	68,053.44
State Aid (Teachers' Salaries)	94,400.00
Braille Instruction	555.36
Vocational Education	8,781.81
School Transportation	83,215.43
O. A. A. — Federal Grants	35,967.92
A. D. C. — Federal Grants	11,795.97
Disability Assistance — Federal Grants	3,609.69
Chapter 90	16,359.45
Miscellaneous	18,434.98
	436,368.78
From County of Hampden	
Chapter 90	11,336.06
Dog License Refund	2,397.15
	13,733.21
Temporary Loans	500,000.00
Investment of School Bonds	2,316.00
Centennial	160.25

South Elementary School Loan	485,000.00	
Premium on School Loan	1,013.65	
Miscellaneous	350,081.60	
	<hr/>	1,338,571.50
Total Receipts and Cash on Hand		<hr/> 4,117,034.04
CASH PAYMENTS		
To Hampden County		
Dog Licenses	2,345.80	
County Tax	26,939.55	
Contributory Retirement	42,966.69	
	<hr/>	72,252.04
To U. S. Government		
Withholding Taxes	127,431.63	
Employees Savings Bonds	2,175.00	
	<hr/>	129,606.63
To Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Parks & Reservations	2,739.11	
State Bottling Licenses	20.00	
	<hr/>	2,759.11
Municipal Debt		
Temporary Loans	500,000.00	
School Building Loans	145,000.00	
	<hr/>	645,000.00

Interest on Debt		
Temporary Loans	2,785.40	
School Building Loans	52,996.25	
		55,781.65
Warrants for all other		2,172,984.98
Total Payments		3,078,384.41
Cash on Hand December 31, 1956		1,038,649.63
Grand Total		\$ 4,117,034.04

Municipal Indebtedness

Purpose of Loan	Year Issued	Rate	Date of Re- tirement	Yearly Prin. Payment	Out- standing
Inside Debt Limit					
Feeding Hills School Extension	1949	2%	Feb. 1969	\$20,000.00	\$259,000.00
Katherine G. Danahy School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00	30,000.00
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1962	5,000.00	30,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1956	2.60	July 1974	15,000.00	235,000.00

Outside Debt Limit

Benjamin J. Phelps					
School	1952	1.70	Feb. 1972	10,000.00	160,000.00
New High School ..	1952	2¼%	Feb. 1974	105,000.00	1,890,000.00
South St. Elem. Sch.	1956	2.60	July 1973	15,000.00	250,000.00

Trust Funds

Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund

Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	\$ 5,595.00
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Desire A. Pyne Fund

Securities	2,000.00
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Mary E. Phelon School Fund

Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	4,225.93
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Mary E. Phelon Library Fund

Securities	500.00
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Old Cemetery Fund

Savings Bank Deposits	700.00
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Maple Grove Cemetery Fund

Savings Bank Deposits	1,405.79
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Old Cemetery Ass'n of Feeding Hills Fund

Savings Bank Deposits	280.00
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Feeding Hills Old Cemetery Ass'n Fund

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Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Savings Bank Deposits	87.90
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Faolin M. Peirce Fund

Securities	20,106.72
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Town Collector

During the year, the following balances and commitments were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer as of December 31, 1956.

TAXES	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957
LEVY OF 1953:				
Personal	\$ 49.40	49.40		
Motor Excise	69.68	69.68		
LEVY OF 1954:				
Poll	88.00	88.00		
Personal	1,485.37	599.25		886.12
Motor Excise	2,743.22	1,640.06		1,103.16
LEVY OF 1955:				
Poll	282.00	222.00		60.00
Personal	4,984.20	3,928.50		1,055.70
Real Estate	68,399.08	67,391.08	- 1,074.60	680.50
Refunds	1,039.20			
Tax Titles			292.10	
Motor Excise	28,602.82			
Refunds	564.42	25,370.11	829.86	2,967.27
LEVY OF 1956:				
Poll	8,430.00	7,262.00	818.00	350.00

TAXES	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957
Personal	112,956.20	109,102.00		3,854.20
Real Estate.....	1,170,325.35			
Refunds	3,555.83	1,075,286.82	25,351.20	
Tax Titles			887.60	72,355.56
Motor Excise	142,748.17	116,259.43	9,802.08	18,564.90
Refunds	1,878.24			
WATER:				
Rates	124,164.36	107,453.49	123.53	16,602.41
Refunds	15.07			
Cash on Hand				1,088.15
Miscellaneous Billings ..	3,944.86	2,727.77	188.50	1,028.59
Connections	3,800.00	3,800.00		
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Health & Sanitation	10,439.05	10,266.00	330.00	93.05
Refunds	250.00			
School	2,850.66	2,280.70	74.96	495.00
Veteran's Benefits	4,341.48	3,624.38		717.10
Welfare	8,541.80	2,339.68	301.48	5,900.64
Old Age Ass't. State	36,979.69	36,979.69		
Cities & Towns	1,728.41	1,531.71		196.70

TAXES	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957
Aid to Dependent Chil- dren	9,229.79	6,624.18		2,605.61
Disability Assist.	1,484.00	1,484.00		
Municipal Liens	142.00	142.00		
BETTERMENTS:				
Unapportioned Side- walk	1,795.09	1,124.62		584.47‡ 86.00
Unapportioned Sewer Refunds	38,267.66 978.03	18,971.98	4,595.87	8,441.05‡ 7,236.79
Apportioned Sewer added to 1955 Taxes	216.33	172.01	5.00	
Tax Titles			39.32	
Committed Interest 1955 Taxes	89.99	72.01	2.88	
Tax Titles			15.10	
Apportioned Sidewalk added to 1955 Taxes	26.20	26.20		
Apportioned Sewer added to 1956 Taxes	2,392.95	1,976.01	5.00	371.42
Refunds	3.80			
Tax Titles			44.32	

TAXES	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1957
Apportioned Sidewalk added to 1956 Taxes	106.12	106.12		
Committed Interest added to 1956 Taxes	846.65	701.84	1.80	
Refunds	3.33			
Tax Titles			15.76	130.58
Sewer Betterment Paid in Advance ..	1,230.22	1,230.22		
Sidewalk Betterment Paid in Advance ..	239.98	239.98		

Note:

92.3% collected on 1956 Real Estate Levy

‡Deferred Revenue

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors has attempted during the past few years to incorporate some stable plan that could be used to accomplish as much equity as possible in placing assessments on local real estate. This ground work has culminated in a formula which, with its necessary modifications, best suits the average real estate valuation in our town.

Please may it be understood that there is much more to be done to complete the task attempted. The problem, too, at times seems never ending. But, in spite of many ramifications, the Board feels that it now has something concrete to offer those who would choose to discuss the evaluation of their respective properties. The Board has endeavored to rid itself of the "we did because we thought" attitude that had to be discarded as the problem became more complicated.

To be more specific and to use an example may we continue as follows:

Each street was given a classification rate based on its accessibility to conveniences; i. e., library, school, church, transportation, etc., to its general environs, and to the conditions of the street proper, such as sewer lines, hardened surfaces and sidewalks. The rates range from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per square foot using foundation measurements.

The Board next agreed that all houses on a particular street would not bear the same final rate due to the fact that some might be of different construction than others. To mention some differences, one might be one story, another might be a brick veneer, a third might be expandable, with or without dormers, and a fourth might be a full two stories. These various differences necessitated putting houses in classes ranging from nominally a first class structure to a fourth class structure.

In order to compensate for depreciation and obsolescence, the Board applied a third principle dealing with selling cost and replacement value. Using this factor, a dwelling having been sold and bearing on the deed transfer a selling price, denoted by stamps, of let us say \$12,000, would be assessed for approximately \$4,800 less the land value. This assessment therefore amounts to 40% of the selling price.

Still a fourth principle applied was that of house size. A four room house selling for example \$10,500, should, using the above principle, be assessed for \$4,200. But using the per foot rate on a certain street it would be assessed for below the 40% rate. To compensate, the Board raises the standard rate on this particular street

for this particular dwelling to bring about a 40% average, by adding 50c per foot to the base rate or raising the rate to \$5.00 whichever would be most applicable. By the same token, a dwelling with more than average square foot area would have a reduced per foot rate as applicable to the size.

It might be well to conclude this explanation with a typical example, viz: A dwelling having 1,000 square foot area is brick veneer with an 8 ft. x 10 ft. breezeway and a 14 ft. x 22 ft. garage attached. It is on a \$5.00 per foot street, a class 2 dwelling and ex-

pandable but without dormers. We would add 25c per foot for the brick veneer and 25c per foot for the expandable feature. This brings the basic rate to \$5.50 per foot and places the assessment at \$5,500. The breezeway area is 80 square feet and the garage area is 308 square feet or a total of 388 square feet at the rate of \$1.00 per foot. Grand total, without land, \$5,900.

The Board contends that the application of a basic formula such as it has applied to the best of its ability and fairness, should tend to alleviate inequities and bring fair assessment to all.

The following is the report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Number of Horses Assessed	43
Number of Cows Assessed	282
Number of Sheep Assessed	6
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	122
Number of Swine Assessed	408
Number of Fowls Assessed	19,755
All Other Livestock	125
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Total Number of Livestock Assessed	20,741
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	144,050.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,041,565.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	52,300.00

Value of All Other Tangible Property Assessed	777,560.00
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Total Value of All Personal Property Assessed	2,015,475.00
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	3,685
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	12,152
Number of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	4,933
Number of 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 20, 1956	335
Number of 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 3, 1956	306
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	2,921,050.00
Value of 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 20, 1956	261,920.00
Value of 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 3, 1956	198,830.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers	142,748.17
Excise Tax Assessed on 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed January 20, 1956	4,173.94
Excise Tax Assessed on 1955 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed February 3, 1956	1,673.71

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	\$17,579,389.00
Value of Land Assessed	3,319,278.00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$20,898,667.00
Value of Personal Estate	2,015,475.00

Total Value of All Assessed Estate \$22,914,142.00
 (upon which taxes have been levied as follows)

County Tax	26,033.56
1955 Under Estimate	1,659.79
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,929.88
1955 Under Estimate	138.92
State Audit	44.32
State Parks and Reservations	1,601.87
Town Appropriation	2,028,369.62
Overlay of Current Year	54,435.53
Snow Removal	4,730.95
Veteran's Service District	5,061.16
	<hr/> \$ 2,132,775.30

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$ 106,721.14
Corporation Taxes	40,611.57

Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned	
Land	8,267.01
Old Age Tax (Meals) C.64B, S.10	2,002.92
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	129,000.00
Licenses	12,200.00
Fines	500.00
Special Assessments	15,000.00
General Government	5,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	200.00
Health and Sanitation	5,000.00
Charities	15,000.00
Old Age Assistance	32,000.00
Veteran's Services	2,000.00
Schools	54,000.00
Libraries	100.00
Public Service Enterprises	
(such as Water Dept.)	100,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	1,500.00
State Assistance for School Construction	
Chapter 645 Acts of 1948	68,000.00
In Lieu of Taxes	2,500.00
Housing Authority	3,000.00
Flood Relief 90%	7,892.73
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$ 610,495.37

Over Estimates 1955

State Recreation Area 218.97

Amounts voted from Available Funds

6/21/55	20,398.11			
7/7/55	2,500.00			
11/14/55	5,766.85			
1/17/56	5,547.55			
3/5/56	23,000.00			
4/2/56	10,436.90			
3/5/56	162,835.60	\$	230,485.01	\$ 841,199.35

Amount to be raised by Taxation \$ 1,291,575.95

Number of Polls 4,192 @ \$2.00 \$ 8,384.00

Value of Personal Property

\$2,015,475. @ \$56.00 112,866.60

Value of Real Estate

\$20,889,667. @ \$56.00 \$ 1,170,325.35 \$ 1,291,575.95



Police Department

Arrests:

1. Against Persons	10
2. Against Property	38
3. Against Public Order, etc.	519
Total Number of Arrests	— 567
Convictions	463
Not Guilty or Dismissed	46
Pending	37
Turned over to other Policee	21
Total	— 567
Total amount of Fines to town	\$ 886.00
Total amount of Fines to State or County	3,539.00
Total Amount of Fines	\$ 4,425.00
Total Value of Property Recovered	\$14,043.95
Cases transported in ambulance	201
Medical cases transported in Cruisers	182
Missing persons found and returned	24
Missing persons reported	25
Homes reported and checked	104
Daily Check of Business Establishments	167
Buildings found unlocked and secured	601
Summons served for other departments	590
Reported to Registry for action on Li- cense	95

Warnings:

Verbal	853
Written	270
Total Number of Warnings	1,123
Dog Complaints	435
Miscellaneous Animal Complaints	74
Complaints requiring Police Assistance	1,837
Bicycles registered in 1956	145

Accident Report — 1956:

Number of Property Damage Accidents Reported	64
Number of Personal Damage Accidents Reported	75
Total Reportable Accidents	— 139
Number of Fatal Accidents	0
Number of Persons Injured	122
Number of Agawam Operators Involved	101
Number of Out of Town Mass. Oper- ators Involved	110
Number of Out of State Operators In- volved	44
Total Number of Operators Involved ..	— 255

The year of 1956 was one of progress for the
Town of Agawam and the Police Department.

During the year a new Cadillac Ambulance was

purchased and turned over to the Police Department. The old ambulance was overhauled and now two ambulances are available for use by the Citizens of Agawam.

The opening of the new highway connecting the Memorial Bridge and the New South End Bridge has relieved traffic at the Agawam Bridge, and we look forward to greater relief when the Route 57 By-Pass is completed.

The handling of the Fire Alarm System by the Police Department, as well as the Civil Defense Alarm, required additional Personnel, but is working out satisfactorily.

Two more men from our Department, Officers Raymond DeForge and Donald Conkey attended the Police Officers Training School at the Framingham State Police Academy for one month. Sergeant Ralph K. Grady and Officer Louis Tatro attended an F.B.I. Finger Print course of one week in Chicopee.

The Springfield National Bank continued to cooperate with your Police Department crime prevention program. Two thousand more booklets entitled "Guardians of your Property and Welfare" were furnished by the bank, and distributed during 1956. Scotchlite

tape furnished by the bank, was installed on 145 bicycles that were registered in 1956, bringing the total of bicycles registered to 844.

Although there was an increase of over 80,000 automobile registrations issued and over 100,000 more operators licensed, our total number of accidents dropped from 148 to 139. We, of your Police Department, are very pleased to report that we have completed our second consecutive year without a fatal highway accident. This is the first time in over twenty-five years that I have been with the Police Department that such a report has been possible, and it could not be accomplished without the support of the citizens who operate daily over our highways. We ask your continued support in highway safety. When traffic laws are obeyed, death rates go down.

As Chief of the Department, I again express my appreciation to the Selectmen for their cooperation; the members of the Department for their abilities and loyal performance to duty.

To our citizens, we will strive to merit your continued confidence in the Department, guarding your welfare and property and keeping Agawam a good community in which to live, work and play.



Fire Department

The Department answered a total of two hundred ninety eight (298) calls as follows:

Buildings	90
Grass and Brush	135
Automobiles	27
False	17
Emergency and Miscellaneous	29
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TOTAL	298

A total of forty seven (47) calls over previous year.

A total of two hundred forty eight (248) inspections were made as follows:

Oil Burners and Tanks	198
Gasoline Tanks	20
Liquified Petroleum Gas	30
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TOTAL	248

An increase of fifty over previous year.

A total of \$196.50 collected for Inspections was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

A total of twenty one (21) inspections were made

on places of Public Assembly, and periodic inspections are being made on all Mercantile Manufacturing, and Storage Buildings by this Department.

All Schools were visited and fire drills were conducted and were very satisfactory to us, and we express our thanks to all the teachers for the fine work on these fire drills.

Station No. 2 at Feeding Hills is in dire need of repair, as follows: Need new roof and chimney, north wall is bulged out, header over side door sagging, clapboards all loose and numerous other repairs are needed, as this building is over fifty years old the cost to repair said building will be tremendous therefore I recommend a new Fire Station to replace this old one.

As Chief of the Department I again wish to express my fullest appreciation to the entire force of Firefighters for their performance and abilities to arduous duties.

To the Board of Selectmen I express my sincere thanks for their fullest cooperation.

To the Citizens we will strive to merit your confidence in us.

To the Police Department our sincere thanks for your cooperation to us at all Fires.

Civil Defense

During the past year a fair amount of progress has been made in developing the local organization for Civil Defense and in providing instructions and information to the community as a whole. Mr. Joseph Guy has been appointed Chief Warden, and he is now engaged in building up a network of precinct wardens to cover the entire town. Mr. James Rager was appointed Chief of Rescue, and during the summer and early fall he and crews of senior scouts delivered individual packets of information with air-raid instruction cards to each and every home in Agawam, totalling 3980. A good start was also made in formation of a Light Rescue Team from the explorer scouts of Troop 79 under the leadership of Bud Soper. The old fire truck, converted to rescue vehicle, did noble duty in its new coat of white paint with C. D. emblems.

Efforts are continuing to develop a Medical Unit and Radiac Team that will train with and use the recently acquired Geiger Counters and Radioactive Dosimeters.



Board of Health

During the year 1956, the Board under a mandate from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, worked with the Engineering and Health Departments, and Tighe and Bond, consulting engineers, on the completion of the plans for the construction of the Westfield River Interceptor sewer. This sewer must be constructed during 1957, and when completed will transport all sewage, now emptying into the Westfield River, to the Bondi Island Sewage Treatment Plant. The total cost of the project will be \$219,985.00.

Fortunately, a federal law was passed during the year which enables municipalities engaged in pollution control projects to obtain a federal grant of up to 30% of the cost of the project. Application has been made by the Town for a grant of \$65,995.50 which, if approved, will reduce the cost of the interceptor sewer to \$153,995.50.

The members of the Board of Health wish to express their deep appreciation to members of the Health Department staff, doctors, nurses and volunteer workers who contributed so much of their time to the polio immunization program.

Detailed reports of the Health Agent, the Public Health Nurse, and others under the supervision of the Board of Health follow.

Health Agent

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Health Department for the year 1956.

The year 1956 saw the continuation of the vaccination program of all children ages six months to nineteen years with the Salk Poliomyelitis vaccine. A total of 5, 758 injections were given and of this number, 2,232 children were given the first two doses of a three dose series. We were fortunate to be able to complete the first two doses for approximately 95% of the children of Agawam before the start of the polio season. A complete report of the polio clinics will be found in the report of the Public Health Nurse.

The Health Department worked with other departments and health agencies towards the advancement and betterment of community health, and I was privileged to serve on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, Springfield Chapter and as a member of the Health Education Committee of the Community Council.

The promotion of "Home Accident Prevention" as an educational activity started in 1955 was and will continue to be a project of the department. The department worked with the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in a program of industrial safety involving town employees. Considerable time was spent working with other de-

partments in the development of the Westfield River interceptor sewer program which will be completed in 1957.

Twenty-six premature babies were born to Agawam residents during the year. Of this total there were five infant deaths. The department gave aid to the families of nine of these premature babies in the form of payment of hospital care for the infants. One hundred and ninety-three days of hospital care were involved amounting to \$2,044.01.

There were ninety-three deaths reported to the Town Clerk's office. Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in Agawam with 43 reported (46%). Cancer is second with 13 deaths or 14% of the total. Other causes of death were: 9, Cerebral hemorrhage; 5, generalized arteriosclerosis; 5, prematurity; 4, accidental; 4, pneumonia; 4, uremia; 1 each, brain tumor, intestinal obstruction, hepatic failure, chronic pyelonephritis, diabetes, pancreatitis, osteomyelitis.

There were two hundred twelve cases of communicable diseases reported to the Health Department during 1956, with mumps accounting for 101 of the total number. This represents a decrease from the preceding year. The most gratifying reduction in communicable disease cases was poliomyelitis. There were five cases

Animal Inspector

of polio reported in 1955 and in 1956 there were no reported cases.

The following is an abbreviated statistical report of the routine work of the Health Agent's office:

Licenses and permits issued	210
Laboratory analyses (milk, water and restaurant utensils)	125
Environmental sanitation inspections and investigations	291
Outside sewer connections	63
Percolation tests for private sewage disposal systems	70
Septic tank installation inspections	56

The year ahead will see the completion of the polio vaccination of all children under twenty years of age; a campaign by this department to encourage the polio vaccination of all adults; the completion of the Westfield River interceptor sewer for the elimination of all sewage waste from the Westfield River; and progress in the elimination of sewage waste from the Connecticut River.

Mr. Richard Wilson submits the following report for the year 1956:

Barns Inspected	41
No. of Dairy Cows	314
No. of Calves	186
No. of Bulls	11
No. of Steers	31
No. of Horses	14
No. of Swine	571
No. of Sheep	21
No. of Goats	8
No. of Cattle shipped into Town	34
No. of Dog Bites Reported	61

There has been a significant yearly decrease in the total number of livestock maintained in Agawam. The total number of livestock, 1156 is 210 less than the previous year. Conversely, with the increase in the number of residents, cases of dog bites are on the increase.



Commercial Slaughterer

Mr. Artem Honchar had under his supervision the two commercial slaughter houses in Agawam. During the year he made ante-mortem and post-mortem of the following animals:

Beef Cattle	53
Sheep and Goats	187
Calves	658

Domestic Slaughterer

Mr. Herbert G. Taylor made ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections of the following animals:

Pigs	295
Beef Cattle	2
Calves	3



Town Nurse

The principal activity of the public health nurses during the past year was the poliomyelitis immunization program. Agawam was one of the first Massachusetts communities to complete the administration of second doses of vaccine to all children ages six months to nineteen years. The clinics were held during the months of April, May, June, July, September and December. On September 13th, a night clinic was held for the age group sixteen to twenty years.

A total of 5758 polio injections were given, and of this total, 2232 completed the first two doses of a three dose series. The vaccine was administered by Dr. Simon Ramah, Dr. Eber Wein, and Dr. Mildred Hausmann. Assisting in the clinics were the public health nurses, Miss Clara Williams and Mrs. Josephine Cascella, and the school nurses, Miss Mary O'Brien and Mrs. Ethel Kane. A group of volunteer nurses and workers including Mrs. James Chandler, Mrs. Bert Shepard, Mrs. Paul Martin, Mrs. Eugene Lund, Mrs. Earl Benjamin, Mrs. Henry Arnold, Mrs. Walter Ruckstuhl, Mrs. Joseph Guy, Mrs. George Webster, Mrs. John Galica, Mrs. Frank Kusiak and others contributed immensely to the success of the program.

A total of 3,320 nursing visits were made during 1956. These visits consist of instruction in all phases of

health, nursing the sick patient, maternal and child health services, changing dressings, and administering all types of injections. All treatments and medications are ordered by a physician or hospital clinic. Thirty appointments were made for patients at various out patient clinics.

During the months of April and May, Highway, Engineering and Water Department employees received poison ivy immunization shots and tetanus and typhoid boosters.

The loaning cupboard has been very active, and the acquisition of several new pieces of medical equipment has helped in the placing of equipment when it is needed most.

The Well Baby Conference is continuing to grow under the supervision of Dr. Mildred Hausmann. Nineteen clinics were held during the year, attended by 427 infants and pre-school children. Forty-six new babies completed the series of triple antigen for whooping cough, diptheria, and tetanus, thirty-three received small pox vaccinations, and one hundred thirty-three received triple antigen booster doses. The Well Baby Conferences are held every other Wednesday from 10 A. M. to 12 noon by appointment.



Building Department

BUILDING INSPECTOR

I herewith submit the annual report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956:

148 New Dwellings	\$ 1,399,930
74 New Garages	55,478.
130 Alterations & Additions	156,525.
13 New Businesses	719,471.
20 Demolitions	200.
33 Miscellaneous	555,960.

418	\$ 2,887,564.
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Comparing the above information with last year's record, it is interesting to note the following:

1. There were 25 more permits issued in 1956 than in 1955.
2. There were 19 fewer permits for dwellings than in 1955 for a net loss of only \$9,910.
3. There were 17 more permits issued for new garages for a net gain of \$16,,013.
4. There were 42 more permits issued for alterations and additions, for a net gain of \$81,825.
5. There were 16 fewer permits for new businesses but only a decline of \$277,379.
6. There were 7 more permits for miscellaneous for a net gain of \$552,658. The new South

Street School is included in this figure.

7. The total value of permits increased \$363,102 over 1955.
8. Twenty permits for demolition were issued. Demolitions are very important to the Town as they usually remove an old delapidated building and in many instances, they are replaced with a new modern building.

During February and March, the Building Inspector with the Fire Chief, inspected all night clubs, clubs, bars and grills and found many violations of the Building Code. A letter was sent to all in violation, explaining repairs to be made and I am pleased to report this office received nearly 100% cooperation from these places that were in violation.

It is gratifying to note that in Agawam, Builders and developers are erecting larger homes with a much greater dollar value and the prospects for 1957 are that most homes will be out of \$10,000-\$12,000 class and in the \$15,000-\$20,000 category.

Many new developments are planned by Builders and developers both in dwellings and business for the year 1957 and the outlook is encouraging for our tax structure.

A plan started late in 1955 to help and instruct

home owners in "Do it yourself projects," will be continued and enlarged in 1957.

The Building Inspector will be glad to advise and help anyone with building problems.

This office wishes to advise anyone that is contemplating buying land for dwellings or business, to contact this office before closing deal, as Agawam Zoning requirements might not allow the building or business planned.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

My annual report as Electrical Inspector of wiring for the year ending December 31, 1956 is herewith submitted for your approval.

INSPECTIONS

Dwellings, new and old	704
Industrial and Commercial	374
Service entrance changes	94
Oil burners	201
Water heaters	46
Electric ranges	101
Electric clothes dryers	36
	1556

The general trend of this years new dwelling service

installations have been of 100 ampere capacity which should be ample for future needs of heavier appliances as may be required for the average small family.

The Western Massachusetts Electric Company is about to launch a new water heater change over program whereby all water will be heated through the low rate "off-peak" meter. The cost of this change over will be entirely assumed by the Western Massachusetts Electrical Co. Each change over will be inspected.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

During the year 1956, 627 Plumbing Permits were issued for which 904 Inspections were made, covering Industrial Buildings, new homes, alterations, hot water tanks and heaters, refrigeration work, safety valves and Outside sewer Inspections.

As your Plumbing Inspector, I would at this time like to express my appreciation for the cooperation shown me by all the plumbers and owners of buildings and homes in Agawam. I assure you that I will continue to do my utmost to keep the Town of Agawam a clean and healthy place to live, and be a credit to all. It has been a pleasure to serve you. Your suggestions, help and advice are always welcome.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held a total of twelve regular meetings in 1956 and met six times for Special meetings.

One special meeting was with a traffic consultant to discuss the traffic problem at the Agawam bridge. It was decided not to recommend any changes until we could see what effect the new road between the Memorial Bridge and the South End Bridge would have on the traffic congestion when it opened. Since the road opened, there has been a noticeable change for the better. We believe that when the new limited access road from the South end Bridge to Main Street is completed, it will further improve the situation.

The Board held thirteen public hearings on proposed zone changes. Recommendations were reported to the Town Meetings for the members to act on.

New residential sub-divisions were at a minimum, only three were approved. No industrial or business sub-divisions were passed.

Board of Appeals

Eighteen petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1956.

One petition was withdrawn, eight were denied and nine were granted. In several cases where the petition was granted, the Board included in the decision such restrictions as they considered necessary to protect the best interests of the Town and neighborhood.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that plans they may have for future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-laws of the Town as well as the various State laws involved. Lack of the consideration of the conditions cannot be considered a legal "Hardship." It is absolutely necessary to prove "Hardship" before any variation can be granted by this Board.



Public Works Department

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

When Mr. Albert Nichols resigned as Highway Superintendent in May 1956, the Engineering Department and the Highway Department were consolidated with the Town Engineer acting as Head of both. This union has proved advantageous in many ways, both from mutual assistance and in better service to the Town.

During 1956 the Engineering Department made preliminary surveys and cost estimates; wrote specifications and drew plans for letting contracts; and established line and grades for the following construction:

Sanitary sewers on Rhodes Avenue, Greenacre Lane, Spencer Street and South Street.

Storm drains on Brookline Avenue, Meadow Street, Homer Street and Letendre Avenue.

Roadway reconstruction on Adams Street and North Street, which as yet haven't been accepted as completed.

The Engineering Department also made preliminary surveys, searched deeds and drew plans for the layout for Town acceptance of the following streets:

For Town meeting in March: Broz Terrace; Stanley Place; Vadnais Street; Mountainview Street; Simp-

son Circle; Walnut Street Extension and Prospect Street.

For Town meeting in October: McGrath Terrace; Anthony Street; Franklin Street Ext.; Ramah Circle North; Fruwirth Avenue; Westford Circle; Memorial Drive; Autumn Street; Deering Street; Dover Street; Dartmouth Street; Lealand Avenue and Wright Street.

The Town Engineer made preliminary estimates for establishing amount of Bond to be posted for the construction of several residential sub-divisions by the various noted constructors. Also when the construction of these sub-divisions was completed, inspections were made by the Engineer to determine the acceptability of such items as road surface, sidewalks, sewers and drains, so that the Bonds posted could be released. All these estimates and inspections were in cooperations with the Planning Board.

Also in relation to the Planning Board, the Engineering Department has in the past prepared a large zoning map of the Town and as zone changes are passed upon at Town Meetings the zoning map is brought up to date by this Department for the benefit of the Planning Board, Building Inspector and any interested Townspeople.

Under Chapter 90, construction during 1956 was

under the 1955 Account which was postponed on account of the two floods and severe frost penetration late in 1955. This construction under State supervision gave us a bituminous concrete roadway and modified intersection at Mill and Cooper Streets.

Under 1956 Chapter 90 construction to be carried out in 1957, newly constructed roadway built in 1956 will be extended along Cooper Street on Suffield Street.

During 1956, the Engineering Department lost by retirement, two of its reliable veterans Frederick Raison and the late George H. Wood. The loss of their knowledge of Agawam and their abilities was felt throughout the year.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Town of Agawam covers about twenty-two square miles of terrain of every description and has over eighty-five miles of travelled streets. Therefore, we do not feel offense when a resident calls in and tells us of a hole in the road or such. It helps us locate such things.

During the winter months we endeavor to keep these streets passable with the greatest degree of safety possible. In 1956 nearly two thousand cubic yards of

sand mixed with a hundred tons of rock salt were used to combat slippery conditions.

Much of the snow removal work was carried on at night and on weekends and while overtime rates must be paid, there are some satisfying factors to be had. There are less interruptions and accident hazards from vehicular and pedestrian traffic, fewer parked cars that leave spots that must be repowed. Also it is miserable and fatiguing work so the men are not overpaid. Lastly, by working at night, roads are open and the people of the Town can travel to work without struggling through drifts.

During the entire year, the Highway Department is patching and repairing roads and sidewalks. During 1956, surface treatment was applied to many paved streets in all parts of the Town, both from our own Maintenance Oiling Account and with Chapter 90 funds. Altogether nearly seventy thousand gallons of asphalt were used.

For the unpaved streets throughout the Town about twenty thousand gallons of bituminous dust layer was put down.

The Agawam Highway Department not only services the streets, but collects garbage and picks up rubbish.

Our garbage collection section acquired a new truck in 1956 and we now have two collection teams to cover our fast growing Community. We have had some personnel change-overs and during vacation periods when substitute collectors were used, some pails were overlooked but we are endeavoring to correct this in the future.

Rubbish is picked up in the new Packer on a four week schedule in the summer and a three week schedule in the winter. Three men operate this section.

The sewer maintenance section consists of a Foreman and two maintenance men. During 1956 they installed numerous catch basins and pipe drains, made approximately 120 house connections between trunk sewer lines in the street and property lines, and cleaned hundreds of feet of main trunk sewer line. Also, this section has answered over a hundred night and weekend calls where residents have had stoppages of their sewers between the house and main trunk sewer.

An interesting side issue in 1956 was the joint venture of the combined Engineering and sewer section in connection with the Health Department, when we had to locate and investigate the Westfield River Interceptor Sewer which was constructed in 1939 and as

yet unused. A great deal of research and probing was involved due to several floods, constant cultivation, and growth of trees and brush along the line. Dye was injected into the end near Reed Street and followed along through the several blow-off chambers. Results showed the line sound.

The Streets and Engineering Department wish to thank the people of Agawam for being patient when we had to inconvenience them temporarily and will endeavor to make Agawam an even better Town to live in and travel the streets of.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Submitted herein is the annual report of the Agawam Water Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1956.

At the annual Town Election held on February—1956, a referendum vote elected to dissolve the Board of Water Commissioners as the governing body administering the Water Department, and turned the Department over to the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, acting in the capacity of

a Board of Public Works, appointed the undersigned to continue as the Superintendent of the Water Dept.

WATER CONSUMPTION:

The recorded water consumption in the calender year 1956 showed increase over 1955 with a total volume of 357,349,400 gallons being billed to the Town of Agawam by the City of Springfield thru their their master meters. This averages 1,100,380 gallons per day. The highest single day's consumption was 1,970,700 and the lowest single day's consumption was 752,000 gallons.

REVENUE:

As of the end of the calander year, the total receipts of the department from all sources \$117,519.88.

This breaks down into:

1. Water Committments	\$107,224.30
2. New Water Services and re- placements	10,295.58
Total	\$117,519.88

The Agawam Water Dept. installed 119 new water services in our distribution system in 1956. Of the total number added to our system, 49 services were made by builders and developers, and 76 services were installed by the Department. The department also replaced de-

fective service lines, mostly of galvanized pipe with type K copper tubing, totalling 54.

NEW CONSTRUCTION:

The following water main extensions were completed in 1956:

	Footage	Main	Hydrants	Cost
Bessbrook Street	500 lin. ft.	6"	1	\$ 1333.36
Silver Lake Dr.	500 lin. ft.	6"	1	1333.36
Rhodes Ave.	900 lin. ft.	6"	1	2666.69
Maynard St.	1000 lin. ft.	6"	2	2827.28
Riverside Ave.	490 lin. ft.	6"	1	1488.57
Ralph St.	970 lin. ft.	6"	2	2703.26

During the reconstruction of North Street the Water Dept. made two important tie-in connections, by extending mains in Harding and Wilson streets north to connect with the North St. water main. This eliminated two dead ends, eprovided feed to these streets from two directions, and created a better distribution of supply thru the Springfield Street-North Street grid. At the same time the department re-located two fire hydrants in this area.

The construction work on Mill Street and Cooper St. offered the Department the opportunity to relo-

cate several hydrants and required lowering of the water main to provide adequate cover below the newly established street grade.

Other projects included relocation of a hydrant on Adams Street and installation of a new connection to the South Street main to provide a service line to the new school.

Accidents involving fire hydrants being struck amounted to seven such occurrences. Of these two of the repairs and replacements were charged to and paid by

the insurance company representing the motorist; the other five did not result in the apprehension of the offender and costs accrued to the department.

The Superintendent wishes to take this opportunity to thank the Board for their cooperation and assistance during his first term under their administration, and to assure them of his continued efforts to operate the Department in a profitable and commendable manner that will warrant the approval of the citizens of the Town.





Veterans' Agent

I herewith submit my annual report as Agent and Director of Veterans Services for the Town of Agawam.

In the year 1955 the State Commissioner of Veterans' Services felt that the smaller towns in the State who could not afford a full time Veterans Agent could be better served if they went into a district with other towns and had the service of a full time Agent. After several meetings with the State department of Veterans Services, and the selectmen of Agawam, Southwick and Granville the three towns formed the Western Hampden District of Veterans Services. The district started operating as a district with a full time agent and full time clerk Jan. 1, 1956.

Veterans or their dependents, which includes the Veteran, his wife, widow, children under 18 years of age and his father and mother find this department a center for information. Photostatic copies are made of all important papers. He is assisted in making contact with the Veterans Administration either in person or representation in filing claims for pensions, appeals, questions about insurance and hospital care. A daily record is kept of each Veterans problems and action taken.

The greater part of the demand on this depart-

ment at the present is for financial aid, the nature of which is kept confidential. Medical and hospitalization costs continue to mount, although the Holyoke Soldiers Home has brought some relief on operative and domiciliary cases. Each claimant for financial aid is investigated thoroughly. It is necessary to travel to surrounding cities and towns to acquire the necessary information in proving settlements. All applications are sent to the State Commissioner of Veterans Services and if approved the town is reimbursed Fifty per cent (50%) of expenditures. In the year 1956 all applications were approved but actual receipts may not total 50% due to the late reimbursement from Boston. The State is always months behind in processing returns and payments to cities and towns.

The chart gives an idea of the kind and quantity of work rendered the Veterans and their dependents in Agawam this past year.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, all department heads and Veterans of all Wars for their kindness, patience and cooperation in 1956, in making it possible for this department to function so effectively.

	Total Expended	Total Calls	Bonus - State	Headstones Burials — Markers	Discharges Recorded	Counseling the Veteran	Hospitalization Out and In Patient	Notorizing Documents	Photostats Made	Tax Exemptions	Telephone Calls For Information	Unemployment	Housing	Veterans' Benefits	Pensions
January	993.01	149	3	1	7	17	4	4	17	0	52	8	11	22	3
February	1,391.95	116	3	0	7	19	8	3	38	1	14	3	2	18	0
March	1,434.20	185	8	0	10	62	0	8	22	1	37	3	9	20	5
April	877.11	158	6	0	6	37	15	6	36	2	23	2	7	14	4
May	1,128.27	105	7	2	5	21	5	2	30	2	19	0	4	8	0
June	555.28	150	4	2	10	26	6	4	36	17	33	0	5	7	0
July	729.39	145	11	2	15	32	4	2	26	14	20	1	10	7	1
August	390.83	195	6	4	10	29	9	4	38	46	25	2	11	11	0
September	325.53	138	6	1	9	21	7	0	43	21	19	1	4	6	0
October	463.58	76	5	0	6	11	3	3	21	0	15	0	2	10	0
November	816.61	82	3	0	5	6	7	1	19	0	27	0	5	9	0
December	714.94	139	3	1	9	34	9	3	36	0	33	0	2	9	0
Total		1638	65	13	105	315	77	40	362	104	317	20	72	141	13

Housing Authority

ANNUAL REPORT—1956

The members of the Agawam Housing Authority and its chairman will look upon the year 1956 as a normal one in operation and expense. Meetings were well attended and much was accomplished—the burden of which was carried by the Executive Director Mr. H. C. Litchfield Jr., the Accountant, Mr. W. A. Wyatt and the Custodian, Mr. Lorin Geoffrion.

Admission and occupancy limits at the Project have been set by the State Housing Board at the following amounts:

Admission Limits

1 Minor Dependent	\$3650.00
2 Minor Dependents	3775.00
3 Minor Dependents or more	3900.00*

Continued Occupancy Limits

1 Minor Dependent	\$4100.00
2 Minor Dependents	4200.00
3 Minor Depends or more	4300.00*

*In computing rents the State Housing Board has given permission for a \$100.00 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.

The average cost of shelter rent for two or three-bedroom units (without heat or hot water) is \$40.50 per month. Each unit is furnished with an electric refrigerator and electric range. During the year there were 17 vacancies which were filled from applications on file—generally with veterans from Agawam.

During the past year the Authority had plans drawn up for correcting water seepage in cellars during wet seasons, and sent same to Boston for permission to proceed with the work. A new bill-board has been erected and bulletins will be posted there for the benefit of the tenants. The motors of the burners have been repaired and the boilers thoroughly cleaned. Plans are under way to paint one and possibly the two projects on the outside, besides keeping up repairs, replacements and painting the interiors. A committee has been picked to look into the need of housing for the Aged in Agawam.

The Authority has paid to the Town of Agawam this year, in lieu of taxes, the sum of \$1,584.00. Financial Statements for project 200-1 fiscal year ended September 30, 1956 and for project 200-2 fiscal year ended June 30, 1956 are included with this report.

We wish to thank everyone who cooperated in helping us to keep standards high at Brady Village.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1956

Project 200-1

Assets

Administration Fund	\$ 2,451.38
Petty Cash	10.00
Accounts Receivable—Tenants	\$ 144.50
Accounts Receivable—Project 200-2	341.01
	<hr/> 485.51
Debt. Service Fund	8,633.75
Investments—Worcester Federal Savings	6,188.94
Investments — Springfield Federal Savings	7,626.68
	<hr/> 13,915.62
Development Costs	331,000.00
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	30,000.00
	<hr/> 301,000.00

Prepaid Insurance	1,653.12
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Total Assets	<hr/> 328,150.38
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Liabilities and Surplus

Tenant's Security Deposits ..	\$ 625.00
Acrued Liabilities	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes \$	864.00
Matured Interest & Principal	8,633.75
	<hr/> 9,497.75
Bonds Authorized	331,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	30,000.00
	<hr/> 301,000.00
Reserves	
Debt Service	6,038.76
Operating Reserves	9,305.04
	<hr/> 15,343.80
Surplus	1,683.83
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Total Liabilities & Surplus ..	328,150.38
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Period From October 1, 1955
to September 30, 1956

Income

Shelter Rent	\$15,621.91
Utility Charges to Tenants	3,499.54
Utility Charge Adjustments	9.45

Dwelling Rent Income	\$19,112.00
Miscellaneous Project Income	415.62

Total Project Income	\$19,527.62
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Expense

Administrative Salaries & Service	\$ 729.87
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Accounting Salaries & Services	729.87
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Other Administrative Expense	489.65
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Water	841.14
Electricity	295.05
Gas	90.20
Fuel & Heating Supplies	4,509.73
Heating Labor	500.00
Materials & Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	1,072.17
Contractual Services	758.06
Insurance	1,132.34
Collection Losses	8.75
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,152.00
Provision for Operating Reserves	1,536.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,006.46
Debt Service Requirements	11,267.50

Total Expense	\$26,118.79
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Deficit Before State Aid	6,591.17
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Commonwealth Contribution	\$ 4,942.87
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Reduction from Prior Surplus	3,332.13	
Total State Air		\$ 8,275.00
Surplus		\$ 1,683.83

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1956

Project 200-2

Assets

Administration Fund		\$ 8,133.85
Debt Service Fund		3,507.50
Investments—U. S. Treasury Notes	\$ 2,000.00	
Investments—Worcester Federal Savings Bank		5,109.92
Debt Service Trust Fund		519.02
Development Costs	\$140,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	6,000.00	
		134,000.00

Total Assets \$151,270.29

Liabilities & Surplus

Tenant's Security Deposits ..	\$ 300.00
Accounts Payable (To 200-1)	852.21
Accrued Liabilities	
Insurance	\$ 1,248.29
Matured Interest & Principal	3,507.50
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	216.00
	4,971.79
Bonds Authorized	\$140,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired	6,000.00
	134,000.00
Reserves	
Debt Service	\$ 1,960.00
Unamortized Bond Premium	2,519.02
Operating Reserve	4,787.28
	9,266.30

Surplus	1,879.99
Total Liabilities & Surplus ..	\$151,270.29

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Period From July 1, 1955
to June 30, 1956

Income

Shelter Rent	\$6,420.60
Utility Charges to Tenants	1,274.67
Utility Charges Adjustments	-10.27

Dwelling Rent Income	\$7,685.00
Misc. Project Income	109.92

Total Project Income	\$7,794.92
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Expense

Administrative Salaries & Services	\$ 296.96
Other Administrative Expense	173.00
Water	227.06

Electricity	114.86
Gas	32.20
Fuel & Heating Supplies	1,444.86
Heating Labor	269.96
Materials & Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance	243.90
Contractual Services	99.57
Insurance	407.80
Collection Losses	27.50
Payments in Lieu of Taxes ..	432.00
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	490.00
Debt Service Requirements ..	4,912.46
Accounting Services & Salaries	269.98

Total Expense	\$9,414.93
Deficit before State Aid	\$1,620.01

Commonwealth Contribution	\$1,745.84
Reduction from Prior Surplus	1,754.16
Total State Aid	\$3,500.00

Surplus	\$1,879.99
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Welfare Department

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

We have been able to conduct our affairs as in other years without too many new restrictions, and with good cooperation from the State Department.

Our expenses have been high but we are pleased to say we are asking for no increase in next year's appropriation.

The details of the work will be covered more thoroughly in the agent's report.

WELFARE AGENT

The administration of relief is still in the hands of the local board.

Our relief rolls are not high, in fact, the General Relief roll is as low as we can expect to get it and except for unemployables it consists of temporary cases due in most instances to illness.

Desertions, separations and delinquency are still the reasons for many of our cases. As in other years, all legal steps are taken to collect from deserting parents and many are making payments.

Aid to Dependent Children is a category that needs a lot of attention and is very expensive but on the whole it is a very worthwhile program.

Not many people qualify for Disability Assistance and consequently it is still a small part of our work.

Old Age Assistance is our largest category but this has not shown any large increase over last year. The recipients are so old, however, that there is a great deal of medication including doctors and hospital care.

It may be well to mention some of the help we get from the State and from Federal Grants. At present they reimburse us for over forty per cent of our administrative costs. In addition to this, on General Relief the state and other cities and towns returned to us in 1955, \$9,384.82 out of a total expenditure of \$20,132.10. In that year our net cost on Aid to Dependent Children after state and federal help was \$2,872.65. On Old Age Assistance the net cost was \$6,715.63 and on Disability Assistance \$2,321.17.

To qualify for this reimbursement requires a lot of recording and strict compliance with all the laws and rules and policies of our State Department and the Social Security Law.

We have tried to meet all these requirements. The work here has been made much easier and more agreeable by the aid of other departments and town employees.

Outdoors

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Once again we had an increase in our Summer Program over the previous year from 10,066 to 13,650. This was due partly to the wonderful weather in which we lost only two days because of rain. Also for the first time we had an all college staff as supervisors and this in our estimation not only helped increase our attendance but also provided mature leadership at our play areas.

Our program of arts and crafts again was a tremendous success under the capable direction of Miss Barry. We had approximately 2400 children taking part during the summer months in this program. Besides our regular program in arts and crafts we had a novelty in making baskets with pop cycle sticks. We used over 20,000 sticks and had to stop this part of the program the last few weeks because of the scarcity of sticks.

Field days were held at each playground once a week and winners points were accumulated until the end of the season, when we then awarded trophies to the senior boy and girl winners; and cups to the junior boy and girl winners.

We also had inter playground softball competition with four playgrounds taking part. We had several in-

formal practices for the farm members of the league, but were forced to discontinue this because of lack of attendance due to transportation difficulties.

The highlights of our season was our two wonderful field trips. Our first trip was to the Catskill Game farm in New York, in which we took 157 Children. This trip was enjoyed by all who went including several mothers who went with their children. It was very educational as well as enjoyable.

Our next field trip was to the Boston Red Sox game where with the gracious help of the Red Sox for giving us 200 free tickets, we took 200 children. On both of these trips we traveled by charter busses.

We must recognize the fact that Shea's field is definitely in need of major repair and rebuilding as no money has been spent here during the years that the property was state-owned. Now that it has been turned over to our town we hope to put in to effect this coming year a long range rebuilding plan. It is an ideal spot and we want to realize its full potential as a park and recreation center.

The river road section is definitely in need of a play area as they are in a congested area with no playground available for two miles. We are presently surveying the area hoping to locate property that we

may purchase and develop. We must also recognize the fact that Agawam is one of the few towns or cities around that has no swimming area. We are also working on a plan for a man made Pool that will be self supporting. We are hoping that this plan will be accepted by the town in the very near future.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth, Chapter 128, The Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture are empowered to receive on behalf of the County money appropriated by any town or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are further empowered to maintain agents to conduct meetings or demonstrations, make individual farm and home visits and in all ways help to improve home and community interests in every way possible.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward better business, better living and better com-

munity service and have been ably assisted by hundreds of local volunteer leaders to this end.

In Agawam the following citizens have been of real assistance in promoting such assigned projects as have been conducted during the year: Charles Baker, James Bitgood, Raymond Casella, Mrs. Frank Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fearn, Mrs. George Greenfield, Mrs. Claude Guidetti, Mrs. Ernest Hall, Mrs. Stanley Lipski, Marilyn Pond, Cecelia Ramah, Edward Walker and John Walker, 3rd.

A total expense of \$105.67 was incurred during the year for either travel or purchase of material needed in carrying on the various projects by the local leaders. The appropriation made by your town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of your town.

Your 1956 application was	\$200.00
You had a credit carried over from	
1955	65.61
Total expended during the year 1956	105.67
Balance available for 1957	159.94
Recommended appropriation for 1957	100.00

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Dutch Elm Disease is continuing to take its toll



of trees and it seems inevitable that in time the specie of Elm which we inherited from previous tree planters will be a tree of the past.

The \$1000 allocated for the removal of Elm trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease is small considering that our town is not small in area. The disease is wide spread throughout the town. The basis in which we schedule the removal of these affected trees is based on its menace to the public. The disease is very destructive. What may appear to be a healthy tree in the spring may be a dangerous one by summer or early fall. On some occasions the utility companies have removed the tops of these trees to lessen the danger both to the public and their interest. The trunks left standing for the time being may be unsightly but not dangerous.

Tree damage from winds and storms still plague us but not to the extent that we have experienced from the hurricanes in the past. This past year we had damage from heavy, wet snow in April, from a small twister in June, which hit parts of Feeding Hills and from ice storms in December.

Tree trimming and tree removal other than Dutch Elm still continues in various parts of town on a proportional basis of the budget per month. Our funds are limited and our department is commonly referred to as

part time yet the responsibility is full time—every hour seven days a week.

Tree planting still continues in all parts of town. In the past few years only Maple trees have been planted but this past year we have also set out some Hackenberry trees. I hope that in the future that planting with a greater variety of smaller and ornamental trees will be the program. A smaller tree is less costly to maintain and is not a great menace to the public.

Some of the tree planting for the next few years should be directed to the approaches leading to our new schools as these areas will be traveled more and more by our own townspeople and visitors. If we take pride in building good schools the appearance of approaching roads should be considered.



Library Trustees

All three of the libraries showed a good increase in both the circulation and the number of new people borrowing the books.

The North Agawam Library needs more room and the Feeding Hills more adequate heating. The latter was closed two weeks while painting was being done.

We are glad to welcome so many new residents and will do our best to help them.

	Feeding Hills	Agawam	N. Agawam
No. Books	8,730	8,749	5,431
Borrowers	650	1,400	993
Circulation	5,760	18,225	13,833



Weights and Measures

I herewith submit the annual report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1956.

WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES

Total Sealed	Adjusted	Condemned
527	39	8

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND CALL BACKS

Total of Inspections and Call Backs	121
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PEDDLERS' LICENSES

Inspections of licenses and scales	11
Applications for licenses to peddle	10

JUNK SCALES

Inspection	3
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CLINICAL THERMOMETERS

Oral	70
Rectal	52
Total	122

SEALING FEES

Total Sealing Fees Collected	\$244.90
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Lloyd Long

Education

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark
Telephone RE 9-1564
Address: 28 Reed Street

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building—8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.,
School Days Appointments should be arranged in
advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Barbara J. Foley

HOURS OF SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Junior High School
9:00 A.M. - 3:05 P.M.

Elementary Schools
8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1957

Schools open—January 2
Schools close—February 21
Schools open—March 4
Schools close—April 26
Schools open—May 6
Schools close—June 21
Schools open—September 4
Schools close—December 20

NO SCHOOL DAYS

April 19—Patriot's Day and Good Friday
May 30—Memorial Day
October 25—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention
November 11—Veterans' Day
November 28-29—Thanksgiving Recess



School Committee

The Agawam School Committee during the school year 1955-56 has attempted, as it has in the past, to carry out faithfully its duties of policy making, administrative supervision, evaluation and efficient operation of schools.

The Agawam School Committee concurs in the types of school board responsibilities which have been established by the National School Boards Association, Inc. We take the privilege of quoting a few of these types of responsibility as given in the "Beliefs and Policies" as adopted February 26, 1955:

- a. The board has the legal responsibility for the conduct of the school, and is the only agency in the community that does.
- b. The board has a civic responsibility as the controlling body of a basically essential service to the life of the community.
- c. The board has a social responsibility toward all the people who look to the school as the center of growth and development for young and old alike.
- d. The board has an economic responsibility since positive proof exists that there is a direct re-

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lationship between good schools and business prosperity.

- e. The board has a moral and ethical responsibility to discharge its functions courageously and impartially in the interest of the greatest good to the greatest number at all times.

The immediate need for the community of Agawam is for an increase in housing units for the school children. To meet this need, the school committee asks for your support in the proposals for purchase of additional school sites, and enlargement of existing plant. The enrollment projections which have been presented through our administrative unit deserve careful study by the taxpayers of Agawam and we feel will point a serious need to immediate expansion and consideration for a longer range expansion of our facilities.

We wish to thank the school children, the parents, the taxpayers and the town officials for their continued enthusiastic support of the Agawam Public Schools. We are going through a period of crisis and sincerely hope that we will continue to receive this same type of cooperation from these groups.

December 31, 1956

Town Appropriation	\$787,127.00
Additional Appropriation 12-10-56	26,000.00

EXPENDITURES

General Expense	\$ 23,277.53
Teachers' Salaries	529,869.41
Textbooks	16,411.41
Stationery and Supplies	13,559.37
Manual Arts	4,092.88
Janitors' Salaries	58,500.54
Fuel	20,272.00
Janitors' Supplies & Misc.	
Operating Expense	26,699.99
Repairs and Replacements	10,145.99
Tuition	6,080.41
Transportation	58,429.74
Library	192.12
Health	8,838.05

Memorial Field	240.74
Insurance	18,452.74
Miscellaneous Expense	2,199.93
Outlay, New Equipment ..	2,527.48
High School Athletics.....	2,949.43
Agriculture	4,272.00
Household Arts	2,733.12
Adult Education	2,942.71
Travel Outside Common- wealth	204.12
	<hr/> \$812,892.34

Paid by Federal Funds:	
Smith-Hughes and George- Barden Funds for Agri- culture	1,696.97



Superintendent of Schools

This third annual report of your school superintendent reflects the problems which have been current during the last several years. They are the increasing school enrollment, the need for more school facilities, and the current shortage of teachers. We feel that the Townspeople of Agawam may best recognize the acute need for more school housing by a careful study of the 1956 enrollment projection which follows:

PROJECTION OF FUTURE ENROLLMENTS — 1956 - 1957

Allocated Births	School Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
1944 — 152	1950-51	224	204	252	211	141	151	158	122	150	116	105	68	1902
1945 — 127	1951-52	216	219	241	242	180	144	170	143	115	129	108	75	1982
1946 — 176	1952-53	336	209	215	239	220	214	169	150	140	107	128	92	2219
1947 — 218	1953-54	332	331	212	237	242	240	219	148	153	134	113	101	2426
1948 — 215	1954-55	331	327	340	233	240	213	242	187	140	153	114	84	2598
1949 — 211	1955-56	345	328	345	348	239	240	245	216	214	114	141	91	2866
Percent Persistence		1.61	.97	1.06	1.03	.96	1.03	1.09	.89	1.01	.92	.97	.78	
1950 — 236	1956-57	363	330	350	354	339	238	256	230	224	207	124	99	3114
1951 — 234	1957-58	377	352	350	360	340	349	259	228	232	206	201	97	3351
1952 — 274	1958-59	440	366	373	360	346	350	380	230	230	214	200	157	3646
1953 — 314	1959-60	505	426	388	384	346	356	382	338	232	212	208	156	3933
1954 — 289	1960-61	465	490	452	400	360	356	388	340	342	214	206	169	4182
1955 — 324	1961-62	523	451	520	465	384	371	388	345	343	314	208	165	4477
1956 — 325	1962-63	524	507	479	535	446	395	404	345	348	315	305	169	4772
1957 — 325	1963-64	524	508	537	493	513	460	430	359	348	320	306	238	5036
1958 — 325	1964-65	524	508	538	553	473	528	501	382	362	320	310	239	5238
1959 — 325	1965-66	524	508	538	553	531	487	575	446	386	333	310	242	5433
1960 — 325	1966-67	524	508	538	553	531	548	531	511	450	356	323	242	5615

TOTALS

Year	1-12	Enroll. Increase	1-4	1-5	5-8	6-8	7-8	7-9	7-9	8-12	9-12	10-12
1956 - 57	3114		1397	1736	1974	1063	724	486	710	884	654	430
1957 - 58	3351	237	1439	1779	2128	1176	836	487	719	964	736	504
1958 - 59	3646	295	1539	1885	2235	1306	960	610	840	1031	801	571
1959 - 60	3933	287	1703	2049	2045	1422	1076	720	952	1146	808	576
1960 - 61	4182	249	1807	2167	2523	1444	1084	728	1070	1271	931	589
1961 - 62	4477	295	1959	2343	2714	1488	1104	733	1076	1375	1030	687
1962 - 63	4772	295	2045	2491	2886	1590	1144	749	1097	1482	1137	789
1963 - 64	5036	264	2062	2575	3035	1762	1249	789	1137	1571	1212	864
1964 - 65	5238	202	2123	2596	3124	1884	1411	883	1245	1613	1231	869
1965 - 66	5433	195	2123	2654	3141	2039	1508	1021	1407	1717	1271	885
1966 - 67	5615	182	2123	2654	3202	2121	1590	1042	1492	1881	1370	920

We in administration feel that the taxpayers of Agawam are entitled to know how their school budget expenditures compare with other school systems in the same population category as Agawam. There are approximately sixty-four towns in the same population

range. We quote first from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of Research and Statistics, for the school year 1955-56. Their figures cover the amount of money expended for support of all public day schools for the year ending December 31, 1955.

City or Town	Valuation (1955) per pupil in net average membership, year ending June 30, 1956	Expended for schools from local taxation year ending December 31, 1955 per \$1,000 valuation	Rate of total tax per \$1,000 valuation 1955	From local taxation per pupil in net average membership	From State reimbursement per pupil in net average membership	From all sources per pupil in average membership	From all sources per pupil in net average membership
Agawam	7,431	23.01	54.00	171.01	48.53	220.81	220.81

AVERAGE GROUP AND STATE PER CAPITAS

Group II — Towns (5,000 population and over)	9,710	20.42		198.31	40.16	241.37	244.92
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We further quote from the Massachusetts Teachers Association report dated September 12, 1956, for group 2A towns with 10,000 or more population. This report compares Agawam to sixty-four towns in this population range. Our 1954-55 assessed valuation per pupil stands at \$9,751 which gives Agawam a rank order of 32 and a percentile rank of 50. Our 1956 tax rate of \$56 per \$1000 gives us a rank order of 38 and a percentile rank of 41. Our 1955-56 school support per pupil is listed as \$242 which gives Agawam a rank order of 34 and a percentile rank of 47. From these figures, the taxpayer of Agawam may observe in the categories mentioned that Agawam is below the average in support.

A continuation of this same report shows the average staff salary for 1955-56 in Agawam as \$3,415. This gives Agawam a rank order of 61 and a percentile rank of 6 which places Agawam 4th from the bottom in its population range. This report further shows in our elementary schools 1955-56 Agawam had a pupil-teacher ratio of 30 pupils per teacher and this places Agawam in rank order of 58 and a percentile rank of 11. We would like to indicate from these reports to the taxpayers and citizens of Agawam that the 1955-56 budget was definitely a conservative one and the school

committee and superintendent of schools feel that the 1956-57 budget under consideration is equally conservative in regard to school support.

We in administration wish to thank the teachers of our Agawam Public School system and all of the staff members for their continued loyalty and devotion to the field of education. We further wish to express our sincere thanks to the citizens young and old of Agawam who have given such fine support for education in our community.

COST OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN

Total Expenditures by the	
Town	\$812,892.34
Returns to the Town on account of schools, but not returnable to the School Department	
From the State:	
School Funds and State Aid for Public Schools	\$114,817.65*
For Transportation of Pupils	40,451.05
For Agricultural Instruction	4,213.50



For Household Arts Instruction	2,525.33	
Trade School Tuition	3,345.15	
Tuition and transportation of state wards	419.16	
Transportation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	358.23	
Tuition received from other Towns	2,280.70	
Received from Manual Training Dept.	498.98	
Received from Rental of School Prop	394.00	
Micellaneous Receipts	81.44	
Braille Teacher	555.36	
Special Education	6,566.59	
Unexpected State Aid	13,244.00	
	<hr/>	\$189,751.14
Amount paid for Schools from Local Taxation		\$623,141.20
*\$20,417.65 due from state and not yet received		
REIMBURSEMENT BY COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS		
Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	\$ 94,422.65	\$114,817.65

Chapter 71 (Transportation)	42,764.38	40,451.05
Agricultural Instruction	2,716.78	4,213.50
Vocational Household Arts	2,361.65	2,525.33
Trade School Tuition	3,458.65	3,345.15
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	438.66	419.16
Transportation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	424.22	358.23
Tuition received from other Towns	2,760.00	2,280.70
Received from Manual Training Dept.	214.83	498.98
Received from Rental of School Prop	127.00	394.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	66.59	81.44
Braille Teacher	641.20	555.36
Special Education		6,566.59
Unexpected State Aid		13,244.00
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	\$150,396.61	\$189,751.14
Budget Total	649,736.00	813,127.00
Reimbursements	150,396.61	189,751.14
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Cost of Schools to Town	498,989.39	623,375.86

High School Principal

Herein is my nineteenth annual report on the senior high school.

After a full year of occupancy, a real tribute can be paid to the building committee which supervised the building and equipping of the new school. The grouping of educational units has been found very convenient, the appointments entirely desirable, and the equipment complete. These statements have been made innumerable times by the school personnel, townspeople, and the many visitors including the several groups from surrounding towns contemplating construction of a similar project.

For the second year, four divisions of the eighth grade were housed in this building on account of the acute housing shortage. Because students on this grade level are scheduled by groups as compared to individual assignments for senior high school students, their presence has presented a minor problem which caused a slight curtailment of offerings in the special subjects to the older students. It is hoped when the new elementary school has been completed that they will be moved to another location and the space made available to the grades for which the building was constructed.

Furthermore, it is doubtful whether there will be adequate room for the eighth grades next year.

School systems are currently giving serious consideration to a remedial reading program. It has been proved that the speed of pupils' reading can be greatly accelerated by time spent under the supervision of trained teachers using specialized equipment. The English Department has also initiated a program in accelerated reading speeds and improving reading skills. Tests to measure the vocabulary, speed of reading, and level of comprehension have been given to all sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The reading tests revealed the fields in which students needed help to improve their reading skill. It is hoped that in the coming year reading accelerators and a tachistoscope can be made available for use with students.

The local Pro Merito Society was host to approximately 260 students and faculty advisors representing the Societies of the State. Membership in the Pro Merito Society is the highest academic honor bestowed by the school. It signifies that the pupil earned grades averaging 85 per cent or over for four years. Nineteen of the last graduating class were so honored. Their names follow:

Nancy Adams
Josephine Alfano
Philip Arnold
Caroline Aldrich
Judith Brown
Peter Cecchi
Albert Fini
Muriel Fleming
Jeanette Furlani
James Hauser

Myrna Hyland
Janet Knapp
Susan LaFrancis
Carol Leger
Constance McGovern
Barbara Murphy
Joan O'Connor
Dorothy Roos
Harriet Shea

Honor rolls contain the names of pupils who receive grades of 80 percent or better and the lists were extensive during the last year.

Annually at the commencement exercises awards for achievement beyond the ordinary in the several subjects are distributed. The winners of prizes last year follow:

Agriculture, American Agriculturist Foundation, Scroll Peter Cecchi
Art, Agawam Women's Club, \$5 Marion Templeman
History Award, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
\$10 and Certificate Josephine Alfano
Citizenship, Daughters of American Revolution Caroline Aldrich
Industrial Arts Award, Veterans of Foreign

Wars, \$5 and Certificate Chester Krygowski
English Award, Anonymous Donor, \$5 Caroline Aldrich
Literature Award, Agawam Women's Club
\$5 Josephine Alfano
International Relations Prize, Agawam
Women's Club, \$5 Susan LaFrancis
Julian Magiera Student Council Award,
Class of 1943, \$5 Stanley Drzyzga
Commercial, Agawam Women's Club, Stenography, \$5 Carol Leger
Latin Award, Benjamin J. Phelps, Agawam
Lions Club, \$10 Harriet Shea
Mathematics & Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Philip Arnold
Music Award, Band Fund, \$5 Mary Belcher
..... Donald Gould
Personality Club Award, \$10 Constance McGovern
\$10 Richard Orr
Commercial Award, Southwestern Publishing Company, Bookkeeping Pin Carol Leger
Science, Bausch & Lomb Philip Arnold
Valedictorian Prize, Reader's Digest Carol Leger
Vocational Household Arts, American Agriculturist, Foundation Scroll Barbara Karakla

Junior High School Principal

Third National Bank, highest academic
award, \$5 Carol Leger
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo,
Agawam Food Mart highest academic
average, \$50 each: Philip Arnold, Carol Leger

The school is very grateful to the above donors. Many generous individuals and organizations are interested in this school, and their interest is manifested by the donation of scholarships and prizes. The school is humbly grateful to them. Often the receiving of a scholarship is the deciding factor in the enrollment of the recipient in a school of higher education. It is impossible to list the scholarships awarded because some were received directly from outside institutions.

The extra curricular activities were broadened to offer a program appealing to an increased number of students and were very beneficial.

The year was a success because of your interest, Mr. Clark, the liberality of the School Committee, the friendly attention of the faculty, and the cooperation of the pupils.



Each year brings major enrollment changes to the Junior High School Building. We are now housing 865 pupils from grades five, six, seven, and eight. Two divisions of fifth grade pupils are attending classes in other buildings and four eighth grade classes are cared for at the new high school.

Looking ahead to next September's opening, we are expecting most of our fifth grade divisions (at present numbering eight) to return to the elementary schools. However, this will not decrease our enrollment as we are planning on four additional eighth grade classes from the high school. Added to this, we are gaining three more sixth grades as well as maintaining two fifth grades which cannot be accommodated at elementary schools.

To sum it up, for next September we will find it necessary to add one more classroom as our enrollment will go close to the 900 mark.

With an ever increasing pupil load, it will be necessary to add a few new teachers to our present staff. More help will be needed in the music, home economics, and industrial arts departments. Our staff will number at least thirty-five teachers.

Such a large school, with physical facilities for a top enrollment of 700, gives us problems which we

must attempt to correct. The girls basement and toilet areas are quite outmoded. The toilet enclosures are made of wood and are in a deteriorated condition. They were installed in 1921 and should be replaced with modern fixtures.

We seem to do quite well in our small lunchroom which was made for a school of 400 pupils. To solve this problem, we run four lunch periods each day with over 200 in each group. We serve almost 500 hot lunches daily and over 750 bottles of milk. This year we added new kitchen work tables, sinks, and an electric fan to remove cooking odors and heat. When the budget can stand it, we should buy a new refrigerator(the one we are using now is over 20 years old) and a new range. I would also like to recommend an acoustical ceiling for the lunchroom as there is no way to deaden the sound of clanking dishes and the happy chatter of over 200 children.

We have tried to maintain high standards in the classroom while offering many extra curricular activities outside of regular class time. Noteworthy accomplishments other than the regular academic offerings are:

1. Junior Red Cross Activities.

2. The gift projects and exhibits of the home economics girls.
3. The band groups.
4. The choral groups of grades 6 and 7.
5. The baton twirling groups.
6. The newly formed personality club.
7. The fine savings program which is teaching thrift.
8. The girls bowling league.
9. The Y.M.C.A. groups organized with the school cooperating and the Saturday morning basketball league sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club.
10. The annual magazine campaign drive.
11. The eighth grade semi-formal dance.
12. Physical education now given to all fifth grade boys and girls.

I sincerely believe our teachers are happy and ambitious because they are receiving the proper encouragement, recognition, and cooperation from their superintendent, school committee, parents, and taxpayers.



Elementary School Principals

The growing population in Agawam continues to be a major problem in the elementary schools. From the following figures it is evident that enrollments in each building have increased over last year.

The present enrollment is as follows:

Danahy—303

Granger—288

Peirce—226

Phelps—658

One of the chief additions to the elementary school program is the physical education program conducted by students from Springfield College under the supervision of Harmon Smith. In the Fall, outside activities were engaged in and during the Winter, rhythms and folk dancing were taught. In two schools, lack of time did not permit this activity to be carried on in grades one and two. It would be advantageous to include all elementary grades in the program for another year.

Parents are realizing the benefits of the insurance plan and more children are now protected.

The welfare of the pupils has been ably handled through the Health Department. The program has been augmented by the addition of Dr. Wein, as a second school physician, and Mrs. Chandler who is conducting the eye and ear examinations. In addition to their reg-

ular work, they have conducted the Salk Polio Vaccine program. All who requested them had first and second shots.

Stanford Achievement Tests were administered in March in grades two, three, four, and five. In October, Otis Mental Ability Tests were given to pupils of grades two and five.

Banking deposits amounted to \$21,409.50.

Our special teachers are making a great contribution to the elementary program. Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Crotty in music, Mrs. Beebe in art, Mrs. Davenport in speech, and Mr. O'Brien in baton.

Extra curricular activities included participation in the Memorial Day program, Little League, United Fund, Phelps Scholarship Fund, March of Dimes, Junior Red Cross, and Talent Show for Teachers' Club Scholarship Fund.

A stimulating Science Fair, to which all elementary grades from all schools contributed, was set up at Granger School. It was an outstanding success and attracted many outside visitors.

We, the elementary principals, would like to express our appreciation for the assistance given to us by the teachers, superintendent, school committee and residents of the town of Agawam.

School Health Department

Because of the increased student population and because of the vast health program set up by the State, it is proving more and more difficult to cover all of this efficiently. Our opinion is that another full-time nurse will be needed to complete the work outlined. The over-all health of the schools has been fine for the year 1956, however.

Dr. Eben Wein was added to the School Health Family to assist Dr. Ramah with a much more thorough physical examination. Mrs. Jeanette Chandler, R. N. started in September to test eyes and ears throughout the whole school system. Volunteers from Parent Teacher Associations tested the ears in the Spring.

Dental clinics were also conducted as in the past. Capacity speech classes are continued by Mrs. Davenport. Home teachers carried on work with 8 different children. All students were weighed and measured.

Physicals with Dr. Ramah and Dr. Wein, Routine 791—63 parents present Pre-school, 203 with parent present.

Field Visits to Homes	189
Office First Aid	1507
Salk Vaccine—1st and 2nd shots	2535
X-Ray Personnel, town employees, students	544

Advantages of all clinics were used, State Orthopedic, Hearing League, Guidance Clinics both in Springfield and Holyoke, Heart Clinic and Medical Clinics.

Camp Frederic Edwards and Camp Norwich gave us camperships for 14.

The schools were visited by the State Supervisor of the Division of the Blind, State Supervisor of Nurses, the Chicopee, West Springfield, and Springfield staff nurses.

State meetings held at Amherst, Springfield, Boston and Swampscott were attended with Miss O'Brien participating in panels at two.

Mrs. Kane completed a 10 week course on Health Principles and Policies at Springfield College.

We appreciated the generous help from the Agawam Lions Club in giving so many pairs of glasses to those who needed them.

It is gratifying to have the co-operation of all personnel in the school system. We thank you.

Jury List

Adams, Jemina M., 27 Harding St.
 Adams, Paul J., 27 Harding St.
 Adams, Paul J., Jr., 77 Woodside Drive
 Alvigini, Albert Richard, 14 Elbert Road
 Anderson, Ruth M., 70 Reed St.
 Armstrong, G. Arthur, 22 Cleveland St.
 Arnold, Henry F., 74 Bessbrook St.
 Ashley, Arthur C., 69 Cooley St.
 Ashley, Bertha E., 69 Cooley St.
 Augustino, Felix, 12 Garden St.
 Barbieri, Raymond M., 37 Church St.
 Barden, Claude L., 1202 Main St.
 Barden, Edwin S., 80 Carr Ave.
 Barker, Beatrice M., 18 Albert St.
 Barufaldi, John S., 723 N. Westfield St.
 Berryman, Hollis E., 28 Grant St.
 Bitgood, John C., 49 Central St.
 Blackburn, Ernest, 76 N. West St.
 Blanchard, Lionel H., 644 North St.
 Blood, Adah D., 23 Suffield St.
 Borgatti, Alesmo, 108 Franklin St.
 Borgatti, Ettore A., 104 Franklin St.
 Botelho, Benjamin, 97 Homer St.
 Bouley, Laurence O., 41 Letendre Ave.
 Bovat, Edward N., 57 Broz Ter.
 Brown, Everett E., 443 N. West St.
 Brown, Noel E., 443 N. West St.
 Canegallo, George, 29 Albert St.
 Capuano, Gennaro, 703 North St.
 Caruso, Louis William, 63 Doane Ave.
 Casanova, Beatrice, 40 Church St.
 Cascio, Elmer, 17 Cooper St.
 Case, Raymond M., 816 Barry St.
 Castelli, Sileo S., 28 King St.
 Catchepaugh, Donald R., 130 Raymond Cir.
 Ceccarini, Victor J., 51 Howard St.
 Cerrato, Mariella A., 26 Edith Ave.
 Cesan, Earl J., 173 N. West St.

Cesan, James W., 407 N. West St.
 Chagnon, David I., 72 Homer St.
 Chandler, Gordon H., 567 Suffield St.
 Chriscola, Andrew, 1135 Suffield St.
 Christian, William P., 71 Cooley St.
 Christopher, Albert J., 530 Main St.
 Chyba, Raymond R., 24 Giffin Place
 Cincotta, Louis, Jr., 600 Cooper St.
 Cirillo, John B., 1708 Main St.
 Clark, Perley E., 31 Hall St.
 Colli, Thomas E., 83 Cooley St.
 Conkey, James O., 31 Northwood St.
 Corriveau, Ruth C., 29 Hall St.
 Cremonetti, Frank J., 33 Columbus St.
 Dahdah, Bashire Edward, 265 Colemore St.
 Daley, Daniel E., 2 Pierce St.
 D'Auito, Antonio, 725 Mill St.
 Davis, Frank D., 63 Cleveland St.
 Deloghia, Mario, 305 Suffield St.
 DeMont, Norbert J., 90 Albert St.
 Dominick, Julianna M., 77 Hastings St.
 Dominick, Stanley E., 77 Hastings St.
 Draghetti, Joseph, 120 Homer St.
 Driscoll, John R., 58 Bessbrook St.
 Dube, Alphonse J., 57 Poplar St.
 Duclos, Clarence A., 54 Ellington St.
 Duclos, Edward C., 54 Ellington St.
 Dudley, Ernest, 39 Royal Lane
 Dugan, Robert E., 54 Cooley St.
 Durant, Joseph J., 91 Fairview Ave.
 Eagan, Walter J., 21 Potomac Place
 Edwards, Clarence M., 22 Lealand Ave.
 Egan, Marion R., 67 High St.
 Egan, Philip A., 67 High St.
 Egbert, Kathleen E., 130 S. Park Ter.
 Epaul, Roland, 9 Church St.
 Ferraro, Joseph R., 17 Henry St.
 Ferry, Rutherford H., 73 N. Westfield St.

Field, Olga, 33 Columbus St.
 Foote, Kenneth F., 755 Suffield St.
 Fournier, Alfred L., 14 N. Westfield St.
 Francolini, Aldo, 32 Ellington St.,
 Franklin, Hugh E., 278 N. West St.
 Freeman, Ernest G., 42 South St.
 Gallano, David C., 36 Ley St.
 Gensheimer, Elizabeth R., 13 Charles St.
 Gensheimer, Henry D., 113 Albert St.
 Grimaldi, Leo, 123 Garden St.
 Guidi, Henry N., 60 Cooper St.
 Guidi, Joseph, 24 Homer St.
 Guy, Joseph R., 30 Washington Ave.
 Hall, June W., 106 Silver St.
 Hardina, Frank J., 50 Federal Ave.
 Hastings, Benjamin C., 59 Alhambra Cir.
 Hauser, John F., 110 Elm St.
 Hawthorne, Milton E., 251 N. West St.
 Hess, Frank W., 264 Elm St.
 Higgins, William R., 175 Senator Ave.
 Holloway, Clarence E., 278 N. Westfield St.
 Hotin, Edward Louis, 26 Alfred St.
 Humiston, Woodrow A., 70 Hall St.
 Johnson, Edwin O., 38 N. West St.
 Johnson, Leonard A., III, 62 Elm St.
 Joslin, Harry A., 21 Senator Ave.
 Kellogg, Alvin R., Jr., 173 N. Westfield St.
 Kibbe, Stuart A., 684 Main St.
 King, Harold A., N. West St.
 King, Marguerite Hale, 45 Edgewater Rd.
 Kuhn, Werner W., 591 Suffield St.
 Lavalette, Eugene J., 185 High St.
 Leger, Homer A., 37 Hastings St.
 LeGrand Raymond W., 95 Elm St.
 Lepore, Dominick, 15 Norris St.
 Letendre, Adam E., 75 Letendre Ave.
 Letendre, Joseph U., 409 North St.
 Liptak, George S., 31 Brookline Ave.

Liptak, John H., 50 Kensington St.
 Liquori, Fiore, 502 Cooper St.
 Litchfield, Herbert C., Jr., 54 Mountain-
 view St.
 Loncrini, Leo Angelo, 128 Cooley St.
 Madden, William I., 32 Federal St.
 Maiolo, Dominic, 415 Adams St.
 Mandirol, Mario, 18 Cottage St.
 Massa, Leon, 65 Bridge St.
 McCobb, Charles C., 43 Elbert Road
 McCullough, Benjamin, 111 Cooley St.
 McEwan, William Y., 15 Valentine St.
 McGuire, Josephine H., 50 Kanawah Ave.
 McLean, Ernest R., 28 Monroe St.
 McMahon, Joseph P., Jr., 53 Albert St.
 McQuade, Clifford E., 42 Central St.
 McQuesten, John T., 70 Elm St.
 Mee, Albert E., 22 Cooley St.
 Mee, Clara, 22 Cooley St.
 Miner, Francis H., 22 Gale St.
 Meyer, Michael, 96 Hall St.
 Montagna, Charles, 15 Highland St.
 Montagna, Marjorie E., 18 Cottage St.
 Montagna, Peter, 18 Cottage St.
 Moreno, Victor J., 19 Anthony St.
 Murphy, Gertrude M., 21 Annable St.

Murphy, Richard H., 21 Annable St.
 Mutti, Herman A., 96 Bridge St.
 Myers, Harry H., 97 Homer St.
 Myers, William F., 17 Hall St.
 Nardi, Armando J., 69 Alhambra Cir.
 Nardi, Dolpho, 112 High St.
 Nardi, Frederick, 575 North St.
 Nelson, Carl Everett W., 109 S. Park Ter.
 Orr, Myrle, 63 Church St.
 Orr, Raymond W., 63 Church St.
 Ortner, Henry, Jr., 45 Silver Lake Drive
 Parent, Rose, 19 Cooley St.
 Pasquale, Joan N., 52 Elbert Road
 Penna, Alfred R., 272 High St.
 Poggi, Charles C., 219 High St.
 Prior, Hazel M., N. West St.
 Provo, Samuel F., 53 Highland St.
 Robinson, Charles M., 1506 Main St.
 Rossi, Louis C., 42 Hastings St.
 Rosso, Francis J., 65 Broz Ter.
 Ruckstuhl, Margaret M., 15 Alfred St.
 Rushby, Walter James, 89 Homer St.
 Russell, Leo B., 497 North St.
 Roloff, Percy H., 73 S. Park Ter.
 Santinello, Frank A., 510 Cooper St.

Santinello, Nicholas J., 49 Carman Ave.
 Sarat, John S., 185 Cooper St.
 Sausville, Arthur E., 54 Charles St.
 Scala, Salvatore, Jr., 10 Cross St.
 Sheldon, David A., 11 Fruwirth Ave.
 Shepard, Bert L., 23 Colonial Ave.
 Shibley, Joseph, 51 Columbus St.
 Sledziewski, Joseph J., 56 N. West St.
 Smith, Brayton L., Jr., 75 Anthony St.
 Snell, James E., 42 Reed St.
 Sopet, John E., 40 Homer St.
 Southworth, Hazel C., 55 Lealand Ave.
 Sprandel, Henry C., 194 High St.
 Spring, Edwin B., Circuit Place
 Sulborski, Charles W., 654 North St.
 Sullivan, Robert Thomas, 341 Cooper St.
 Thomas, Edward W., 56 Elm St.
 VanWagner, Earl H., 14 Horsham Place
 Watrous, Charlotte R., 863 North St.
 Wodell, Dorothy A., 28 Cleveland St.
 Wodell, Robert W., 28 Cleveland St.
 Wolcott Roger A., 67 Ridge Ave.
 Yelinek, Charles E., 50 Brookline Ave.
 Zerra, Jerry L., 288 Main St.
 Zanotti, Libero A., 132 Franklin St.

Agawam At a Glance

In 1635 several residents of Roxbury and other towns in the vicinity of Boston petitioned the General Court for permission to settle upon the "Great River," as the Connecticut was then called. This petition was granted May 6, 1635 on condition that the settlers remain within the province of Massachusetts Bay, and exploring parties were sent out shortly afterwards to choose suitable locations. Some of these selected the site of what eventually became the City of Hartford, Connecticut; two, however, continued northward until they reached the fertile meadows which lie on the western side of the Connecticut at its junction with the Agawam River. Here they built a rude house, which was occupied for several months; but, warned by the Indians of the danger of inundation at the time of the spring freshets, they soon abandoned it. A new settlement, made in 1636, stood upon higher ground on the eastern bank of the river. The Algonquin name, Agawam, translated as low meadow land, was originally used to refer to the entire grant of twenty-five square miles. In 1640, however, in honor of William Pynchon, it was changed to Springfield, the name of his English home.

The present township of Agawam was probably part of the outward commons of Springfield. It was

voted in 1638 that it should be lawful for any Springfield man to pasture horses, cows, and younger cattle on the other side of the river until the first of November, and the name, Feeding Hills, was undoubtedly derived from this custom. Not until 1660, however, when grants of land were made to Thomas Cooper, Abel Leonard and Thomas Merrick was anyone permanently established here.

The geographical division of Springfield by the Connecticut river aroused considerable discontent upon the part of the new settlers, for it was necessary for them to cross both that river and the Agawam in order to attend public worship or town meetings. In 1698 the parish of West Springfield was created on the west side of the Connecticut, and on December 16, 1757 the General Court established the land between the Agawam River, Westfield, and Suffield as a separate precinct, usually called the sixth parish of Springfield. On February 23, 1774 the town of West Springfield was incorporated. This included the present territory of Agawam, Holyoke and West Springfield, some sixty square miles. It was not until May 17, 1855, when the population of that precinct reached a thousand, that the General Court passed an act granting to Agawam the status of a town.

Local government was originally of the open town meeting type, but due to the growth in population, two voting precincts were established on May 17, 1894. North Agawam was designated as Precinct A and Agawam Center and Feeding Hills as Precinct B. Annual town elections were to be held on the first Monday in February and appropriation meetings on the following Saturday. At the annual meeting on April 5, 1909 it was voted to establish Feeding Hills as Precinct B and Agawam Center as Precinct C. At a town meeting held September 15, 1952 it was voted to divide the town into five voting precincts, its present number and on November 8, 1955 a special town election voted to adopt the "Representative Form of Town Government" with thirty town meeting members to be elected from each precinct.

County: Hampden

Location: Southwestern Massachusetts, bordered by Southwick and Westfield on the west, West Springfield on the north, the Connecticut River separates Agawam from Springfield on the northeast and Longmeadow on the east. On the south Agawam is bordered by Suffield, Connecticut.

Population: 1955—13,177.

Land Area: 23.35 square miles.

Elevation at Town Hall: 88 feet above mean sea level.

Incorporated as a Town: May 17, 1855.

Age of People: 33% of Agawam's population is of school age or younger, which is greater than the average for the metropolitan area.

Nativity: Native born white represent 87.8% of total town population; and 12% are foreign born white.

Education: Agawam persons have completed more school years than area average, with 47.9% completing high school or more, as compared with 39.3% for the area.

Incomes: Median income for Agawam families is \$3,408., or compared with \$3,036. for the area.

Occupation: 32% of town's people are in labor force, 21% are labor supervisors, 27% are white collar and balance of 20% are professional or supervisory.

Housing: Three quarters, 76.2% of occupied dwelling units are tenant owned, compared with 47.4% for area.

Condition of Homes: Almost 100% of Agawam's housing have private bath and running water, as compared with 91.5% for area. Our homes lead the area in number of units with central heating and mechanical refrigeration.

Value of One-Family Units: Median value in Agawam, \$8,986. as compared with \$9,114. for area.

Transportation: Serviced well by bus; passenger transportation available from Springfield; commercial airlines serve within 15 miles at Bradley Field, with private air transportation available at local Bowles Field. Town carries Routes 5A, 57, 75 and 187.

Utilities: Serviced by Western Mass. Electric Co., Springfield Gas Light Co. and New England Tel. & Tel. Co. Municipal water is purchased from City of Springfield.

In Memorium

PERLEY J. HEWEY

Chief of Police from April 1, 1927 to June 30, 1949

FRANK E. DRAGHETTI

Sealer of Weights and Measures
From January 3, 1939 to August 30, 1956

Town Meeting Members Attendance Record as Submitted by Precinct Secretaries:

PRECINCT 1	Mar. 3	Apr. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Dec. 10
Jasper P. Deforge	P	P	P	P	P
Francis J. Rosso	P	P	A	A	A
Edward J. Desmarais	P	P	P	P	P
Thomas E. Colli	A	P	A	P	A
Paul J. Adams	P	P	P	P	P
Raymond H. Raschi	P	P	P	P	A
Camillo Baiardi	P	P	P	A	P
Jerrie Cavanaugh	P	P	A	A	A
Joseph F. Tarini	A	A	A	A	A
Samuel F. Provo	P	P	P	P	P
Charles P. Jasmin	A	A	A	A	A
Donald P. Curran	P	P	P	P	P
Peter L. Ronchi	P	P	P	P	A
Walter J. Letellier	P	P	P	P	A
Edward G. Connor	A	P	P	A	A
John F. Quinn	P	P	P	P	P
Earle E. Provost	P	P	P	A	A
Angelo J. Poggi	P	P	P	P	P
Albert W. Bellano	A	P	P	P	P
Lawrence Pisano	P	A	A	P	A
Richard F. Scannell	P	P	A	P	A
Augustus J. DeMars	P	P	A	P	A
Romeo Borgatti	P	A	A	A	A
Peter J. Bertera	P	A	A	A	P
James P. Kane	P	P	P	P	P
Andrew C. Gallano	P	P	A	P	P
Benjamin S. Bassani	P	P	P	P	A
Katherine G. Danahy	P	P	A	P	P
L. John Schinelli	P	P	P	A	A
Walter A. Balboni	P	P	P	P	A

PRECINCT 2

PRECINCT 2	Mar. 3	Apr. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Dec. 10
Harold L. Carlsson	P	P	A	P	P
Paul G. Query	P	P	P	P	P
Louis DePalma	P	P	A	P	P
Joseph Draghetti	P	P	P	P	P
Julia A. Alvigini	P	A	P	P	P
Lionel H. Blanchard	P	P	P	P	P
Harry Prior	P	P	P	P	A
Edwin O. Johnson	A	A	P	A	P
Homer C. Allen	P	P	P	P	P
Frank E. Dunn	P	P	A	A	P
Frank E. Draghetti	Deceased				
Giles W. Halladay	P	P	A	A	P
William R. Chiba	P	P	P	P	P
Hazel M. Cooley	P	P	P	P	P
Perry A. McCobb	A	P	A	P	P
Leonard P. Rising	P	A	A	P	P
John F. Rosati	P	P	A	P	A
Matilda P. Matheson	P	P	P	A	P
Ethel A. Kane	P	P	P	P	P
Rupert M. Kane	P	P	P	P	A
Richard M. Taylor	P	P	P	P	P
Francis T. Karakla	P	P	P	P	P
Lyman T. Hastings	P	P	A	P	P
Francis M. Collins	P	A	P	P	P
Eva C. Anderson	P	A	P	P	P
William E. Vigneaux	P	P	P	P	P
Bertram R. Goodwin	P	P	P	P	A
William J. DeForge, Jr.	P	A	P	A	P
Richard J. Stapleton	A	A	P	P	P
*Roland A. Corriveau	P	P	P	P	P
*George L. Beauchane	P P P				

* Appointed to fill vacancies

PRECINCT 3

PRECINCT 3	Mar. 3	Apr. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Dec. 10
Frederick A. Drew	P	A	*	P	A
Nicholas J. Santinello	P	A	*	A	A
Thomas Russo	P	P	*	P	P
Daniel DiDonato	A	P	*	A	A
Edward G. Borgatti	P	P	*	P	P
William C. Lucardi	P	A	*	A	A
Joseph R. Ferrari	P	P	*	P	A
John N. Losito	P	P	*	A	A
Edward W. Meyer	A	P	*	P	A
Harry S. Egerton	P	P	*	A	A
George W. Martin	P	A	*	P	P
Gerald Cleary	P	P	*	P	A
Joseph L. Inanello	P	P	*	P	P
Charles Gravel	P	A	*	A	A
Albert E. Nichols	P	P	*	A	A
Joseph A. Treadway	A	A	*	A	A
Eva S. Gallano	P	A	*	A	A
Vito N. DePalo	A	P	*	A	A
Anthony A. Lango	A	A	*	A	A
Antonio L. Buoniconti	A	A	*	A	A
James F. Donovan	P	A	*	A	A
Barbara Skolnick	P	P	*	P	P
Arthur E. Daigneau	P	P	*	P	A
Nicholas DePalo	P	P	*	A	A
Gordon L. MacDonald	P	A	*	A	A
Ralph J. D'Amato	P	A	*	P	A
Clifford J. Gibson	P	P	*	P	A
Anthony F. DiDonato	A	P	*	P	P
William J. McLellan	P	P	*	A	P
Robert R. DeForge	P	P	*	P	P

* No attendance taken at this meeting

Town Meeting Members Attendance Record as Submitted by Precinct Secretaries:

PRECINCT 4	Mar. 3, Apr. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Dec. 10	PRECINCT 5	Mar. 3, Apr. 2	Oct. 1	Oct. 22	Dec. 10
Bert L. Shepard	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
Elmer Cascio	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Paul R. Langlois	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Edward W. Thomas	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Francis W. O'Connor	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Louise R. Wallace	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P
Jerry L. Zerra	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
Arthur W. LaFleur	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P
Albert J. Christopher	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P
Benjamin T. Lockhart	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P
Howard H. Hallock	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jean Goss	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Stewart R. Safford	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
James Clark	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
James E. Snell	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	P
Frederick T. Dacey	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
C. Paul Anderson	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Raymond E. Charest	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
Ernest R. Hall	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	P	P
John N. Magovern	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Harry N. Abell, Jr.	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Robert H. Beane	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
Raymond E. Harris	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
James A. O'Keefe	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Henry L. McGowan	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
Gordon H. Chandler	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
Kenneth F. Foote	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
John Chriscolo	P	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P
Frank Chriscolo, Jr.	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Irving R. LaFleur	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Beatrice M. Barker	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maude M. Woodbury	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Winslow A. Stahle	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ernest S. Hopkins	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
George W. Brown	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Norman W. Roberts	A	A	P	P	A	A	P	P	A
Francis J. Gensheimer	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Harold R. Oppenheimer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Paul A. Tatro	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Charles L. Kistner	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Frederick C. Emerson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dudley K. Bodurtha	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
M. Alice Perry	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wendell M. Gosse	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Elsie C. M. Chamberlin	P	A	A	P	P	P	A	A	P
Kenneth A. Hollister	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Thomas E. Cascio	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Alfred M. Grasso	P	P	A	A	A	P	P	A	A
James C. Atwater	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
William S. Mabb	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nina B. Bailey	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
Dorothy Doolittle	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	P
Henry E. Patnaude	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Winifred S. Pettis	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Aldege A. Paro	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
Bernard J. Dowd	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
Cecelia M. Lawson	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	A
Henry W. Lawson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John N. Hastings	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ronald E. Johnson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P



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